

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

Reps. Whiteford, Aiyash, Allor, Bezotte, Breen, Brixie, Calley, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Koleszar, Morse, Rogers, Sabo, Sneller, Steenland, Stone, Thanedar, Whitsett, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 7, 2021, as Children's Mental
2 Health Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Addressing the complex mental health needs of
4 children, youth, and their families today is fundamental to the
5 future of Michigan; and

6 Whereas, Many children and adolescents face serious challenges
7 to their mental health; and

8 Whereas, The mental health of children and adolescents
9 substantially impacts their future quality of life and ability to

1 contribute to society as adults; and

2 Whereas, Preventative measures, early identification, and
3 early interventions for the mental health of children and
4 adolescents are proven to be highly cost-effective and efficient
5 measures that maximize their health status; and

6 Whereas, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services,
7 the Association for Children's Mental Health, Michigan behavioral
8 health care providers, quality improvement partners, and behavioral
9 health advocates as well as the children and youth with lived
10 experience, and their families through their unique approach and
11 expertise in serving children and adolescents, are effectively
12 caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, and families
13 in our community; and

14 Whereas, It is appropriate that a day should be set apart each
15 year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental
16 health and well-being; and

17 Whereas, This resolution calls attention to the importance of
18 children's mental health and well-being and observance of the
19 annual National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 7;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body declare May 7, 2021, as Children's Mental
23 Health Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.