## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

Reps. Breen, McFall, Tsernoglou, Meerman, Kunse, Price, McKinney, Longjohn, Dievendorf, Arbit, Steckloff, Koleszar, Wegela, Xiong, Foreman, Rheingans, T. Carter, Thompson, Linting, Weiss, Glanville, Posthumus, Borton, Martin and Green offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to declare May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness
- 2 Month in the state of Michigan.
- 3 Whereas, The month of May is observed every year as Mental
- 4 Health Awareness Month across the United States to educate
- 5 communities about mental illnesses and reduce the stigma that
- 6 surrounds them; and
- 7 Whereas, Mental health is essential to everyone's overall
- 8 health and well-being; and
- 9 Whereas, All Americans face challenges in life that can impact
- 10 their mental health; and

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Whereas, The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that 1 2 over 1.3 million Michiganders have a mental health condition; and Whereas, Prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden 3 4 of mental health conditions; and 5 Whereas, There are practical tools that all people can use to 6 improve their mental health and increase resiliency; and 7 Whereas, With effective treatment, those individuals with 8 mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive 9 lives; and 10 Whereas, By ignoring the illnesses of our fellow citizens, it 11 will only further stigmatize those who suffer from a mental, 12 behavioral, or emotional disorder; and 13 Whereas, Each business, school, health care provider, 14 organization, and citizen share the burden of mental health 15 problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and 16 support prevention and treatment efforts; now, therefore, be it 17 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of 18 this legislative body declare May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness 19 Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further 20 Resolved, That we call upon all citizens, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to commit to increasing the 21 awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps we can take 22 23 to protect mental health, and the need for appropriate and 24 accessible services for all.