ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1084

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and

Cain, Aldridge, Branan, Brogdon, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield, Dunlap, Easley (Mary), Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gumm, Harrison, Helton, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kerr, Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich (Debbe), Lerblance, Littlefield, Maddox, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Price, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams and Williamson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution declaring May to be Mental Health Month in the State of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, one in five people in the United States has a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization lists depression and suicide as the second leading cause of disability in the United States behind heart disease; and

WHEREAS, lost productivity due to depression is estimated to cost U.S. employers $31 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, less than half of all Americans who have a mental illness receive treatment; and

WHEREAS, the treatment success rates for many mental health disorders surpass those of other medical conditions, such as heart disease; and

WHEREAS, early intervention is critical because the longer a mental illness goes untreated, the more severe the symptoms become and the more difficult it is to treat; and

WHEREAS, a number of entities such as the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill – Oklahoma, and others work to educate the public about the devastating effects of untreated mental illness and to improve the quality of life for Oklahomans afflicted with these disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT May is hereby declared to be Mental Health Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Oklahoma, the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma City and the Mental Health Association of Tulsa.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of May, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of May, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate