

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1087

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Concurrent Resolution declaring May 8, 2008,
9 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day;
10 expressing support for the state youth organization,
11 The Revolution.

12 WHEREAS, May 8, 2008, is National Children's Mental Health
13 Awareness Day; and

14 WHEREAS, a significant aspect of the work of the state youth
15 organization, The Revolution is to play an active role in
16 spearheading a youth-led change within child-serving systems
17 throughout Oklahoma and serve as a network for youth to be in touch
18 with each other as well as provide technical assistance to agency
19 partners; and

20 WHEREAS, The Revolution engages young people ages 22 and younger
21 across the state as individuals or through local youth organizations
22 or clubs in creating a better way of life; and

23 WHEREAS, the leadership body of this organization gives special
24 attention to young people who are affected by systems such as:

1 mental health and substance abuse, foster care, child welfare,
2 juvenile justice, school systems, and special education, and seeks
3 to develop young people from such backgrounds; and

4 WHEREAS, The Revolution is ahead of the curve and is currently
5 moving at the same rate or exceeds national youth initiatives that
6 exist within the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
7 Services, the Technical Assistance Partnership, and the national
8 systems of care movement; and

9 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the overwhelming commitment,
10 investment, and excitement generated by The Revolution; and

11 WHEREAS, the state appreciates their collective desire to create
12 a new vision for youth leadership and youth policy involvement
13 within Oklahoma; and

14 WHEREAS, the state recognizes that citizens already provide
15 input on children's behavioral health issues and the future of
16 Oklahoma through a number of existing advisory bodies, including the
17 Oklahoma Systems of Care State Advisory Team, and the Department of
18 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; and

19 WHEREAS, the state recognizes that implementation of a number of
20 strategic plans that meet the goals of Oklahoma's Comprehensive Plan
21 for Substance and Mental Health Services has begun, supported in
22 part by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
23 Administration Cooperative Agreements for Mental Health
24 Transformation Grants; and

1 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the need for efforts to change the
2 way that this state does business in order to better realize and
3 sustain the involvement of self-advocacy for young people under the
4 age of 24 in Oklahoma's child policy and advisory bodies; and

5 WHEREAS, The Revolution seeks to improve the lives of the youth
6 of Oklahoma, rural and urban.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT the state declares May 8, 2008, National Children's Mental
11 Health Awareness Day.

12 THAT the state recognizes the work of the state youth
13 organization, The Revolution in creating America's first-ever Youth
14 Bill of Rights, written by young people ages 13-19.

15 THAT the state recognizes that the only such document recorded
16 to date, written by American Youth Congress and presented to
17 Congress on July 4, 1936, was entitled, "The Declaration of the
18 Rights of American Youth".

19 THAT the state praises the state youth organization, The
20 Revolution in honor of National Children's Mental Health Awareness
21 Day, May 8, 2008.

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