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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To raise awareness about the prevalence of mental illness
in the United States and Ohio.

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Mental health, including behavioral health,
substance use, and psychological well-being, is at the forefront
of public health as an essential and integral component of the
overall health and well-being of individuals and populations;
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WHEREAS, According to the National Alliance on Mental
Illness:

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--Approximately 44 million adults in the United States, or
roughly one in five adults, experience mental illness;

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--Approximately twenty-six per cent of homeless adults in
shelters in the United States live with serious mental illness;

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--Approximately twenty-four per cent of state prisoners in
the United States have a recent history of a mental condition;

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--Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death worldwide,
and ninety per cent of those who die by suicide have an

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underlying mental illness; and 18

WHEREAS, According to the National Institute of Mental 19
Health, nearly sixty per cent of adults with mental illness in 20
the United States did not receive treatment for their mental 21
illness in the previous year; and 22

WHEREAS, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health 23
Services Administration, Ohio ranks twelfth in prevalence of 24
mental illness in adults; and 25

WHEREAS, According to the National Council for Behavioral 26
Health, Ohio has one of the highest rates of drug-related deaths 27
and opioid addiction in the United States; now therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 29
Assembly of the State of Ohio, support those individuals in our 30
state who are struggling with mental illness; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 32
Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage efforts to increase 33
public awareness about mental illness and the availability of 34
mental health treatment and services for Ohio citizens; and be 35
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RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 37
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor, the 38
Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction 39
Services, and the news media of Ohio. 40