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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Millions of people in the U.S. are affected by  
3 mental illness each year; according to the National Alliance  
4 on Mental Illness (NAMI), one in five U.S. adults experience  
5 mental illness each year, and one in six U.S. youth aged 6-17  
6 experience a mental health disorder each year; and

7           WHEREAS, Mental health treatment can help make recovery a  
8 reality but is not available to everyone; according to NAMI,  
9 47.2% of U.S. adults with mental illness received treatment in  
10 2021, and 50.6% of U.S. youth aged 6-17 with a mental health  
11 disorder received treatment in 2016; and

12           WHEREAS, There are various organizations and agencies in  
13 Illinois that are paving pathways for identification and  
14 treatment of mental illness; and

15           WHEREAS, Interagency efforts to improve access to services  
16 are led by the Chief Officer for Children's Behavioral Health  
17 Transformation and the Chief Behavioral Health Officer by  
18 streamlining access to care and providing families with  
19 consistent transparent solutions to mental health challenges;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed

1 in May in the U.S. since 1949, a tradition that continues to  
2 this day to raise awareness of mental health; and

3 WHEREAS, When facing mental or behavioral health concerns,  
4 all Illinoisans, regardless of age, zip code, socio-economic  
5 status, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, race,  
6 or ethnicity should have the right to be:

7 (1) Educated about mental health and social-emotional  
8 well-being;

9 (2) Treated with dignity and respect;

10 (3) Able to seek help for mental health challenges  
11 free from shame or stigma;

12 (4) Informed about eligibility for mental health and  
13 substance use disorder services and programs in  
14 understandable language;

15 (5) Active in developing one's own mental health care  
16 plan;

17 (6) Able to initiate, disengage from, or resume  
18 voluntary services;

19 (7) Assured privacy and confidentiality;

20 (8) Supported to meet the needs of one's own family;  
21 and

22 (9) Aware of how to find and access mental health  
23 services and resources; and

24 WHEREAS, When facing mental or behavioral health concerns,

1 all Illinoisans, regardless of age, zip code, socio-economic  
2 status, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, race,  
3 or ethnicity should have the right to receive:

4 (1) Assistance in finding, navigating, and choosing  
5 mental health services that fit with one's needs, goals,  
6 and values;

7 (2) Healing-centered care that focuses on recovery,  
8 strengths, and goals that supports overall well-being and  
9 inclusion in community and family life;

10 (3) Timely and compassionate healing-centered crisis  
11 intervention services;

12 (4) Culturally informed services and supports that  
13 consider the unique needs of each culture and language;

14 (5) Access to interpretation and translation to  
15 facilitate participation in needed services;

16 (6) Family-focused services that empower and educate  
17 parents and caregivers to be prepared and supported in  
18 raising healthy children;

19 (7) Services in one's own community or community of  
20 choice;

21 (8) Information, services, and documentation in the  
22 language of one's choice;

23 (9) High quality, evidence-based, responsive mental  
24 health care in the appropriate, least restrictive setting  
25 of one's choosing;

26 (10) Peer support services;

1           (11)     Accurate     diagnosis(es)     by     qualified  
2     professionals;

3           (12)     Access to affordable and accessible medication  
4     when needed;

5           (13)     Information and documentation about one's own  
6     mental health care;

7           (14)     Information about and assistance with  
8     understanding the evidence for the effectiveness of  
9     services, the estimated timeframes for receiving care, the  
10    estimated cost of care, and the availability of financial  
11    assistance;

12          (15)     Care that is coordinated across treatment  
13    providers, state agencies, and funders; and

14          (16)     Appropriate accommodations to access other rights  
15    such as K-12 education; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17    HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18    we endorse these principles as the Mental Health Bill of  
19    Rights in an effort to reinforce Illinois' commitment to  
20    providing access to families seeking diagnosis and/or  
21    treatment of a mental or behavioral health concern; and be it  
22    further

23           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
24    delivered to the Governor and the Director of the Department

1 of Healthcare and Family Services.