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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 8, 2007, as
"Children's Mental Health Awareness Day" in the
State of Florida.

WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Month, and
WHEREAS, addressing the complex needs of children,
youth, and families for mental health services is fundamental
to this state's future, and

WHEREAS, early intervention and comprehensive and
coordinated mental health services for children, youth, and
families are critical, and

WHEREAS, communities must meet the challenge of
providing an integrated and person-centered system of support
for the families of children diagnosed with mental illness,
and

WHEREAS, multiple state agencies, including the
Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of
Education, the Department of Health, Department of Juvenile
Justice, and the Agency for Health Care Administration, work
with municipalities, counties, local community agencies, and
mental health professionals to serve children and adolescents
by caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, and
families in this state, and

WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is
intended to raise awareness of the public about the
fundamental necessity for effective year-round programs for
children and youth with mental health needs and their
families, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

1 That the Florida Senate, extends its best wishes and
2 appreciation to all who work with and care for the children of
3 Florida and recognizes May 8, 2007, as "Children's Mental
4 Health Awareness Day" in the State of Florida.

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