

HR 9145

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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing May 8th, 2008, as "Children's
3 Mental Health Awareness Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Month, and

6 WHEREAS, the importance of meeting the mental health needs
7 of Florida's youngest and most vulnerable citizens is widely
8 recognized, and

9 WHEREAS, an estimated one in five children has a mental
10 health disorder, and early intervention and appropriate help and
11 support improve the chances of Florida's children reaching
12 adulthood and leading healthy and more successful lives, and

13 WHEREAS, the most effective children's mental health
14 services are strength based and family driven, collaborative and
15 community based, and

16 WHEREAS, multiple state agencies, including the Department
17 of Children and Family Services, the Department of Education,
18 the Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Justice,
19 and the Agency for Health Care Administration, as well as the
20 Partnership for Children's Mental Health in Sarasota County,
21 work with local cities, counties, community agencies, and mental
22 health professionals to serve children and adolescents by caring
23 for their mental health needs, and

24 WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day helps
25 inform the residents of Florida about the critical need for
26 effective care and special programs designed to assist children
27 and youth with mental health needs and their families, NOW,
28 THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 Florida:

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33 That the Florida House of Representatives does hereby
34 extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 8, 2008,
35 as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Day" in Florida.