

By Senator Detert

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 7, 2009, as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the importance of meeting the mental health needs of Florida's youngest and most vulnerable residents is widely recognized, and

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

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

WHEREAS, multiple state agencies, including the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Agency for Health Care Administration, as well as the Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health, work with Florida's cities, counties, community agencies, and mental health professionals to serve children and adolescents by caring for their mental health needs, and

WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Month, and

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

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

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33 Mental Health Awareness Day" in Florida.