

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

Rep. Whiteford offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 7, 2021, as Children's Mental  
2 Health Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Addressing the complex mental health needs of  
4 children, youth, and their families today is fundamental to the  
5 future of Michigan; and

6 Whereas, Many children and adolescents face serious challenges  
7 to their mental health; and

8 Whereas, The mental health of children and adolescents  
9 substantially impacts their future quality of life and ability to  
10 contribute to society as adults; and

11 Whereas, Preventative measures, early identification, and  
12 early interventions for the mental health of children and

1 adolescents are proven to be highly cost-effective and efficient  
2 measures that maximize their health status; and

3       Whereas, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services,  
4 the Association for Children's Mental Health, Michigan behavioral  
5 health care providers, quality improvement partners, and behavioral  
6 health advocates as well as the children and youth with lived  
7 experience, and their families through their unique approach and  
8 expertise in serving children and adolescents, are effectively  
9 caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, and families  
10 in our community; and

11       Whereas, It is appropriate that a day should be set apart each  
12 year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental  
13 health and well-being; and

14       Whereas, This resolution calls attention to the importance of  
15 children's mental health and well-being and observance of the  
16 annual National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 7;  
17 now, therefore, be it

18       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
19 this legislative body declare May 7, 2021, as Children's Mental  
20 Health Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.