A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To raise awareness about the prevalence of mental illness in the United States and Ohio.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, Mental health, including behavioral health, substance use, and psychological well-being, is at the forefront of public health as an essential and integral component of the overall health and well-being of individuals and populations; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness:

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<td>Approximately 44 million adults</td>
<td>United States</td>
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<td>Approximately twenty-six per cent</td>
<td>Homeless adults in shelters</td>
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Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death worldwide, and ninety per cent of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Institute of Mental Health, nearly sixty per cent of adults with mental illness in the United States did not receive treatment for their mental illness in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Ohio ranks twelfth in prevalence of mental illness in adults; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Council for Behavioral Health, Ohio has one of the highest rates of drug-related deaths and opioid addiction in the United States; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, support those individuals in our state who are struggling with mental illness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage efforts to increase public awareness about mental illness and the availability of mental health treatment and services for Ohio citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the news media of Ohio.