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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

COMMENDATIONS: Recognizes May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, the shared national experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has
4	highlighted the problems of social isolation, depression, and anxiety in Louisiana and in the
5	nation as a whole; and
6	WHEREAS, every year, twenty percent of Americans experience a mental illness;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, more than fifty percent of individuals
9	have experienced mental health problems such as anxiety, stress, or depression; and
10	WHEREAS, seventeen percent of youth from the ages of six to seventeen have
11	experienced a mental health disorder, and seventy percent of youth in the juvenile justice
12	system have at least one mental health condition; and
13	WHEREAS, at least 8.4 million Americans provide care to an adult with an
14	emotional or mental illness; and
15	WHEREAS, each year, depression and anxiety disorders cost the global economy
16	one trillion dollars in lost productivity; and
17	WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, is an organization
18	formed to help those who have a mental illness and their families; and
19	WHEREAS, the month of May 2020 has been designated by NAMI as Mental Health
20	Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's celebration is "You are not alone", which
conveys the message that, while Americans live in a time of social distancing, they are still
interconnected with their communities and can take action to improve their mental health.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness
Month in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all citizens in this great state to raise
awareness of the need to improve mental health.

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