

1 HR199
2 200679-3
3 By Representatives South, Estes, Treadaway and Weaver
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 07-MAY-19

8 RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 5 - 11, 2019, AS
9 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK.

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11 WHEREAS, good mental health is a key component in a
12 child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Week
13 provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter,
14 while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families
15 affected by mental health concerns; and

16 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department
17 of Health and Human Services, one in five children is
18 diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

19 WHEREAS, research has shown early identification and
20 appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among
21 children and adolescents provide better opportunities for them
22 to lead full and productive lives; and

23 WHEREAS, children and youth with mental health
24 challenges and their families benefit from access to timely
25 services and supports that are family-driven, youth-guided and
26 culturally appropriate; they also benefit from the integration

1 of behavioral health in primary care, education, and child
2 welfare; and

3 WHEREAS, it is important that children and
4 adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn
5 about warning signs of mental health disorders and where to
6 obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and

7 WHEREAS, obtaining a full and accurate diagnosis of
8 a child requires gathering information from diverse sources,
9 including the family, school, and others involved with the
10 child; and

11 WHEREAS, First 5 Alabama, the Alabama Association
12 for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, with 245
13 professional members, supports the mission to enhance healthy
14 attachment relationships between children birth to age five
15 and the adults who care for them through promotion,
16 prevention, and intervention through Alabama's early childhood
17 systems; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the week of May 5-11, 2019,
20 is hereby recognized as Children's Mental Health Awareness
21 Week.