

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, children and youth with mental health challenges and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-driven, youth-guided and 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.