

Rep. Ebli offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 182.

A resolution commemorating September 2007 as Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Month in Michigan.

Whereas, Mental health is essential to the overall health and vitality of our citizens; and

Whereas, Mental illnesses do not discriminate and can affect everyone; and

Whereas, Sixty percent of people with acute mental illness are unaware of their illness;
and

Whereas; Ninety percent of persons who commit suicide suffer from mental illness; and

Whereas, The issue of suicide and how to prevent it is of extreme importance and should be recognized as an immediate need for awareness and prevention; and

Whereas, Statistics show that awareness, education and action against suicide does save lives; and

Whereas, Mental illness and suicide represent an epidemic within Michigan and the United States that warrants our attention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize September 2007 as Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Month in Michigan; be it further

Resolved, That we urge all Michigan citizens to take the opportunity during this month to learn more about mental health issues and suicide prevention.