

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 27, 2026, as Rural Mental Health Day at the capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, April 27, 2026, as Rural Mental Health Day at the capitol.

3 WHEREAS, rural communities in Louisiana face significant barriers to accessing
4 mental health care, including provider shortages and limited resources; and

5 WHEREAS, individuals with serious mental illness and youth with serious emotional
6 disturbance, particularly those served by Medicaid, rely on mental health rehabilitation
7 providers for essential, home and community-based care; and

8 WHEREAS, mental health rehabilitation providers are the backbone of Louisiana's
9 behavioral health system, and their work improves stability, reduces hospitalizations, and
10 strengthens families and communities; and

11 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Rural Mental Health Alliance plays a vital role in
12 advocating for rural mental health, supporting providers, and expanding access to care across
13 underserved areas.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 27, 2026, as Rural Mental
16 Health Day at the capitol and does hereby recognize the Louisiana Rural Mental Health
17 Alliance and mental health rehabilitation providers for their critical contributions to the well-
18 being of Louisiana's rural communities.

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