

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES