

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Monday, April 27, 2026, as Rural Mental Health Day in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, April 27, 2026, as Rural Mental Health Day in Louisiana.

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 disturbances, particularly those served by Medicaid, rely on mental health rehabilitation
7 providers for essential, community-based care; and

8 WHEREAS, these providers are the backbone of Louisiana's behavioral health
9 system, improving stability, reducing hospitalizations, and strengthening families and
10 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby designate Monday, April 27, 2026, as Rural Mental Health Day in Louisiana
16 and does hereby recognize and honor the Louisiana Rural Mental Health Alliance and
17 mental health rehabilitation providers for their critical contributions to the well-being of
18 Louisiana's rural communities.

