

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, these providers are the backbone of Louisiana's behavioral health system, improving stability, reducing hospitalizations, and strengthening 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 27, 2026, as Rural Mental Health Day in Louisiana and does hereby recognize and honor 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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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE