

Senator Jansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 184.

A resolution commemorating May 2008 as Children's Mental Health Month in Michigan.

Whereas, Children need to be healthy in order to learn, grow, and lead productive lives; and

Whereas, Mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development; and

Whereas, Emotional and mental disorders in children are real and treatable; and

Whereas, There are effective treatments, services, and supports that can help children and youth with mental health problems and those at risk to thrive and live successfully; and

Whereas, Children and youth with mental health challenges are best assisted by communities pulling together to form a system of care using the principles of family-driven, youth-guided, and culturally-appropriate supports; and

Whereas, Stigma associated with mental illness should no longer exist; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate May 2008 as Children's Mental Health Month in Michigan. We express our support for the proactive leadership of the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Association for Children's Mental Health, Michigan health care providers, quality improvement partners, and consumer advocates in the delivery of effective mental health services in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Association for Children's Mental Health as a token of our highest esteem.