**South Carolina General Assembly**

121st Session, 2015-2016

**H. 3957**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

House Resolution

Sponsors: Reps. G.M. Smith, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb‑Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H.A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M.S. McLeod, W.J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson‑Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G.R. Smith, J.E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow

Document Path: l:\council\bills\rm\1213vr15.docx

Companion/Similar bill(s): 690

Introduced in the House on April 14, 2015

Adopted by the House on April 14, 2015

Summary: Mental Health Month

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

4/14/2015 House Introduced and adopted ([House Journal‑page 97](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\04-14-15.docx))

View the latest [legislative information](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3957&session=121&summary=B) at the website

**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

[4/14/2015](file:///p:\pprever\2015-16\3957_20150414.docx)

**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY 2015 AS “MENTAL HEALTH MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE SERVICES FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives call upon all citizens, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in South Carolina to increase our state’s understanding and acceptance of mental illnesses; and

Whereas, mental health is critical to the well‑being and vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas, mental illness affects people regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health observes Mental Health Month each year in May to raise awareness of mental health, mental illness, and discrimination against people with mental illnesses; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives commends the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for its fine work in the difficult task of educating the public about the often‑misunderstood issue of mental illness. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, designate the month of May 2015 as “Mental Health Month” in South Carolina and raise community awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑