SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1715

A Resolution recognizing March 13, 2025, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Kansas has made significant progress in improving access to mental health services and has moved up to 22nd overall among all states in the rankings of the Mental Health America Report; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging people to seek help when necessary and lowering the stigma associated with mental health treatment depends on creating a community that is understanding and supportive; and

WHEREAS, The youth in Kansas continue to experience mental health and behavioral health concerns, therefore, youth voice, advocacy and prevention efforts are more vital today than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Youth Leaders in Kansas (YLINK) encourages middle and high school students to form groups with peers in their communities to support mental health and behavioral health awareness and suicide prevention efforts through youth advocacy, promotion and prevention messaging; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition is a collaboration of nonprofit organizations, agencies and individuals representing consumers, families and providers dedicated to improving the lives of Kansans with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition is dedicated to providing opportunities for all Kansans who care about our state's mental and emotional well-being to share their stories and experiences with policymakers at all levels; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition commends the Legislature, the Governor and state agencies for their strategic planning, implementation of improvements and investment in a full continuum of behavioral health services in recent years; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition, Youth Crew and Clay Counts YLINK, along with other YLINK groups from around the state, are visiting the Capitol on March 13, 2025, to meet with legislators and advocate for mental health services and wellness programs: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize March 13, 2025, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Pettey.

Senate Resolution No. 1715 was sponsored by Senators Pettey, Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, J.R. Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Murphy, Owens, Petersen, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Titus, Tyson and Ware.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution originated in the Senate, and was adopted by that body

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President of the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate.