

# SENATE . . . . No. 639

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To accompany the petition of Hastings Keith, other members of the Senate and another for the adoption of resolutions requesting the Governor to issue a proclamation designating the week of May 3rd through May 9th, 1953 as National Mental Health Week. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

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RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY THIRD THROUGH MAY NINTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE AS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK.

*Whereas*, The Senate of the United States has introduced a Resolution (S. Res. 93) supported by fifty Senators to establish Mental Health Week beginning May third, nineteen hundred and fifty-three and ending May ninth, nineteen hundred and fifty-three; and

*Whereas*, There is presently a great need for action for the prevention, treatment and cure of mental illness; and

*Whereas*, The National Association of Mental Health, state and local mental health organizations and public spirited citizens who are interested in the serious problem of mental health are working diligently to improve conditions in our mental hospitals, to provide more adequate treatment for patients in our mental hospitals, carry on research in psychiatry, training more psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses and attendants; and

*Whereas*, More support is needed from the public in the problem of mental health; therefore it is hereby

*Resolved,* That the governor of the commonwealth be requested to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning May third, nineteen hundred and fifty-three and ending May ninth, nineteen hundred and fifty-three as National Mental Health Week and urging the people of the commonwealth to co-operate in the fight for prevention, treatment and cure of mental illness.