## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: SJR 39 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Gordly

**Senate Committee on Rules** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Avakian, Ferrioli, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Brown

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 6/7

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Designates May 8<sup>th</sup> of each year as Mental Health Awareness Day.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- May is Mental Health Awareness month
- Celebrating recovery from mental illness
- · Effect of mental illness on people and their families
- Investment in mental health issues and related outcomes

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Mental illness is a medical condition affecting an individual's brain and nervous system. More than 175,000 adults and 75,000 children in Oregon need some form of mental health service each year. SJR 39 designates May 8<sup>th</sup> of each year as Mental Health Awareness Day in Oregon.