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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the many contributions of the Indiana Minority Mental Health Professional Association, Inc.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the many
2 contributions of the Indiana Minority Mental Health Professional
3 Association, Inc.

4 *Whereas, The Indiana Minority Mental Health*
5 *Professional Association, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3)*
6 *organization, was incorporated in 1999 by Shelvy Haywood*
7 *Keglar, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and president of*
8 *Midwest Psychological Center, Inc., William Lawson, M.D.,*
9 *chief of psychiatry at the Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis*
10 *and professor of psychiatry at Indiana University Medical*
11 *Center, and Anita Harden, RN MSN, director of psychiatric*
12 *services at Community Hospital Indianapolis;*

13 *Whereas, The Indiana Minority Mental Health Professional*
14 *Association, Inc. came about through the efforts of Dr.*
15 *Keglar to form a coalition consisting of the presidents of the*
16 *Association of Black Psychologists, Blacks in Criminal*
17 *Justice, Black Nurses, and Black Social Workers;*

18 *Whereas, The Marion County Health Department,*
19 *HealthNet, Midtown Mental Health Center, Hamilton Center*
20 *Adult and Child Mental Health Center, Mental Health*
21 *America Indiana, Indiana Minority Health Coalition, and*
22 *Indiana Department of Mental Health and Addictions*
23 *provide support and assistance to the Indiana Minority*
24 *Mental Health Professional Association, Inc.;*

25 *Whereas, The Indiana Minority Mental Health Professional*
26 *Association, Inc. administers to the entire state of Indiana*



1 *and represents the disciplines of psychology, social work,*
 2 *nursing, psychiatry, mental health counseling, addiction*
 3 *counseling, pastoral counseling, and marriage and family*
 4 *counseling;*

5 *Whereas, The mission of The Indiana Minority Mental*
 6 *Health Professional Association, Inc. is to eliminate*
 7 *disparities in mental health services to minorities, promote*
 8 *positive mental health in the minority community,*
 9 *disseminate accurate and appropriate information on*
 10 *minority mental health, advocate and conduct research on*
 11 *mental health issues negatively impacting the minority*
 12 *community, monitor and give input on mental health*
 13 *legislation affecting minorities, and address managed care*
 14 *issues affecting minority mental health;*

15 *Whereas, One of the major accomplishments of the Indiana*
 16 *Minority Mental Health Professional Association, Inc. is to*
 17 *initiate an effort and focus on passing legislation to*
 18 *expunge/seal felony records in Indiana;*

19 *Whereas, The Indiana Minority Mental Health Professional*
 20 *Association, Inc. has stated its position that a major barrier*
 21 *to full reintegration into society and the family is a felony;*
 22 *and*

23 *Whereas, This barrier creates an inseparable interface*
 24 *between feelings of hopelessness and mental health disorders*
 25 *of depression, substance abuse, domestic violence, and*
 26 *suicide: Therefore,*

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 28 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 29 *the Senate concurring:*

30 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
 31 outstanding work of the Indiana Minority Mental Health Professional
 32 Association, Inc.

33 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 34 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
 35 Minority Mental Health Professional Association, Inc.

