



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 18, 2015

Mr. Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
Texas House of Representatives
State Capitol Room, 2W.29
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Haney:

Pursuant to his powers as governor and chief executive officer of the State of Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has reviewed the following legislation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 14 and 15 of the Texas Constitution and has disapproved and thereby vetoed the following:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 by Clardy commending mental health professionals on the occasion of National Mental Health Month.

The Governor hereby issues the attached message to the members of the Legislature concerning this piece of legislation. The original enrolled House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 is attached to this letter of transmittal and is hereby returned to your custody by means of this transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Davidson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachments

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**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

MESSAGE

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE EIGHTY-FOURTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Sections 14 and 15 of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 from the 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

I agree with the Legislature's statements, expressed in House Concurrent Resolution No. 84, regarding the importance of good mental health for all Texans. However, Article III, Section 30 of the Texas Constitution requires all laws to be passed as bills. New law cannot be made by concurrent resolution. Because House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 purports to direct the actions of state agencies in the manner of a law, it goes beyond the proper bounds of a concurrent resolution.

Since you remain gathered in regular session and continue to conduct formal business, I am delivering this disapproval message directly to you along with the official enrolled copy of the concurrent resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas
May 18, 2015

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President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2015, by a viva-voce vote.

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor

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