



1           Whereas, There is evidence that counseling services help to  
2 alleviate and prevent both acute and transitional human development  
3 challengers; and

4           Whereas, Professional Counselors are highly skilled  
5 professionals who provide flexible consumer oriented therapy; and

6           Whereas, There are individuals, couples, families, groups and  
7 organizations within our society for whom counselors advocate and  
8 serve; and

9           Whereas, Professional Counselors utilize assessment techniques  
10 and tools that provide a practical, problem-solving approach that  
11 creates a dynamic and efficient path for change and problem  
12 resolution; and

13           Whereas, Professional Counselors are committed to the  
14 prevention, enhancement and the facilitation of optimum wellness  
15 across the life span; and

16           Whereas, Professional Counselors work in a variety of  
17 settings, including independent practice, community agencies,  
18 hospitals, employee assistance programs, military, government and  
19 educational institutions to provide resources and guidance that  
20 promotes wellness; and

21           Whereas, Professional Counselors dedicate themselves to  
22 excellence in the profession of Mental Health Counseling through  
23 licensing, advocacy, education and professional development; and

24           Whereas, The Senate recognizes and appreciates the outstanding

1 dedication of Professional Counselors for their caring, commitment  
2 and making a difference in the life of others; therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate:*

4 That the Senate hereby designates January 20, 2011, as  
5 "Professional Counselor Day" at the Legislature; and, be it

6 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward  
7 a copy of this resolution to the appropriate officials representing  
8 Professional Counselors.