THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION
No. 291 Session of 2025

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of September 2025 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" and September 10, 2025, as "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, More than 720,000 people around the world die by suicide each year; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there were 1.5 million suicide attempts and 12.8 million individuals that seriously thought about suicide in the United States in 2023; and

WHEREAS, After declining between 2018 and 2020, suicide rates in the United States increased to their peak rate of 14.1 per 100,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide accounted for 49,000 deaths in 2023, which is 1 death every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the eleventh-leading cause of death in

1   the United States and the second-leading cause of death for

2   those 10 to 14 years of age; and

3   WHEREAS, Stigma surrounding mental health and suicide

4   prevents many individuals who are contemplating suicide from

5   seeking and receiving appropriate treatment; therefore be it

6   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

7   month of September 2025 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month"

8   and September 10, 2025, as "World Suicide Prevention Day" in

9   Pennsylvania; and be it further

10   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the

11   residents of this Commonwealth to provide support for those in

12   need.