

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 291 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY O'MARA, BENNINGHOFF, CONKLIN, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS,
HANBIDGE, REICHARD, SCHLOSSBERG, SAMUELSON, McNEILL, GREINER,
VENKAT, RIVERA, BURGOS, STENDER, PIELLI, K.HARRIS, PROBST,
HADDOCK, HOWARD, MERSKI, GUENST, SANCHEZ, SAPPEY, GALLAGHER,
HOHENSTEIN, D. WILLIAMS, NEILSON, BELLMON, GILLEN, CEPEDA-
FREYTIZ, COOPER AND CIRESI, AUGUST 1, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, AUGUST 4, 2025

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, After declining between 2018 and 2020, suicide rates
11 in the United States increased to their peak rate of 14.1 per
12 100,000 individuals; and

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

16 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.