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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 968 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, CONKLIN, HANNA, IRVIN, ADOLPH, BAKER, BARRAR, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, BRIGGS, R. BROWN, V. BROWN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, COOK-ARTIS, CORBIN, D. COSTA, P. DALEY, DAVIS, DeLISSIO, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DUSH, EMRICK, EVERETT, FEE, GABLER, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, HAHN, HARHAI, HARHART, A. HARRIS, HENNESSEY, PHILLIPS-HILL, JAMES, KAUFER, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, KIM, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MARSICO, MATZIE, McNEILL, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, OBERLANDER, ORTITAY, PEIFER, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, M. QUINN, READSHAW, REGAN, ROZZI, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, STAATS, TOOIL, VEREB, WARD, WATSON, WHEELAND, ZIMMERMAN, SCHLEGEL CULVER AND MAHONEY, AUGUST 16, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 16, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2016 as "Suicide Prevention  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Suicide is a major preventable cause of premature  
4 death; and

5 WHEREAS, Coordinated suicide prevention is an achievable  
6 global public health goal; and

7 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives notes the imperative of  
8 raising awareness that suicide is preventable; and

9 WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 people on average die by suicide daily,  
10 according to the World Health Organization; and

11 WHEREAS, For every person who has died by suicide, 20 or more  
12 persons have attempted to end their lives; and

1       WHEREAS, Reducing suicide rates requires a worldwide response  
2 to known psychosocial, cultural and environmental risk factors;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives affirms that we must  
5 make every effort to improve education and awareness and  
6 decrease stigmatization relating to suicide; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
8 month of September 2016 as "Suicide Prevention Month" in  
9 Pennsylvania.