
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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AUMENT, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 10, 2019, as "World Suicide Prevention
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Suicidal behavior has become a major public health
4 concern; and

5 WHEREAS, Cultures of silence and postsuicide stigmas still
6 exist in many societies worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Around the globe, suicide ranks as a leading cause
8 of death and remains a major preventable cause of premature
9 death; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of suicide deaths per year exceeds the
11 number of deaths from homicide and war combined; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 800,000 people die from suicide each year,
13 with one death from suicide occurring every 40 seconds; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, suicide is the 10th leading
15 cause of death; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization's
17 recently released suicide report, all 194 member states of the

1 World Health Assembly are seeking to reduce suicide rates by 10%
2 through the year 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, "World Suicide Prevention Day," part of a worldwide
4 suicide prevention initiative by the International Association
5 for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization, is
6 marking its 16th anniversary this year; and

7 WHEREAS, The theme of this year's "World Suicide Prevention
8 Day" is "Working Together to Prevent Suicide"; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 10, 2019, as
10 "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.