

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2017 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK CALIFORNIA

This Resolution recognizes suicide as a national and statewide public mental health problem, and suicide prevention as a national and statewide responsibility, and designates September 10th through 16th as "National Suicide Prevention Week" in Santa Barbara County. This week overlaps World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th, recognized internationally and supported by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 25 to 34 ; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 11.89 minutes resulting in 44,193 suicides (according to the Centers for Disease Control); and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only top 10th cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade, and it is estimated that there are over 1.1 million suicide attempts each year; and

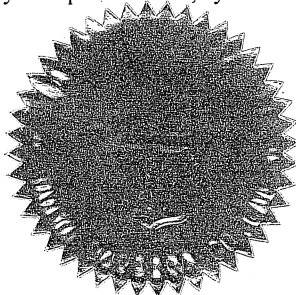
WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental illness. It is estimated that 4.73 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide loss (according to the American Association of Suicidology); and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide;

1. Recognize suicide as a national and state public health problem and declare suicide prevention to be a priority.
2. Promote awareness that suicide is a public health problem that is preventable.
3. Develop and implement strategies to reduce the stigma associated with being a consumer of mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes September 10-16, 2017 as "National Suicide Prevention Week" in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisor of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 12th day of September 2017, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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