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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 10, 2014, as "World Suicide Prevention  
2 Day."

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 1 million people die from suicide each  
13 year, with 1 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 recently released World Suicide

1 Report, all 194 member states of the World Health Assembly are  
2 seeking to reduce suicide rates by 10% through the year 2020;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day, part of a worldwide  
5 suicide prevention initiative by the International Association  
6 for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization, is  
7 marking its 12th anniversary this year; and

8 WHEREAS, Key goals of this year's campaign are reaffirming  
9 the global commitment to suicide prevention, cultivating our  
10 connectedness and engendering open dialogue relating to suicide;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In keeping with these goals, "Suicide Prevention:  
13 One World Connected" is the theme of the 2014 World Suicide  
14 Prevention Day observance; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 10, 2014, as  
16 "World Suicide Prevention Day."