

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

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Resolving to recognition of September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Missouri

WHEREAS, in the United States, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15 to 24-year olds and the tenth leading cause of death overall; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one suicide occurs on average every 12.8 minutes; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, over one million people attempt suicide each year, and nearly five million people are survivors of a suicide of a loved one or friend; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the number of suicides in Missouri more than doubled the number of homicides; and

WHEREAS, the suicide rate in Missouri outpaces the national suicide rate; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention awareness programs have been shown to reduce the stigma associated with suicide and develop broad community support for suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month would provide an appropriate venue to communicate an important message to the public about the extent of this serious public health concern and the existence of community and mental health programs available to aid those in need:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby recognize each year the month of September as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Missouri are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities such as wearing turquoise and purple ribbons to raise awareness of suicide prevention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to send properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.