
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 401 Session of
2017

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KORTZ, JUNE 14, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 14, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Suicide Prevention
2 Month" and September 10, 2017, as "Suicide Prevention Day" in
3 Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, nearly
11 3,000 individuals die by suicide daily; and

12 WHEREAS, For every individual who has died by suicide, 20 or
13 more individuals have attempted to end their lives; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
2 Prevention, suicide claims the lives of more than 1,894
3 Pennsylvanians each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Reducing suicide rates requires a worldwide response
5 to known psychosocial, cultural and environmental risk factors;
6 and

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

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 month of September 2017 as "Suicide Prevention Month" and
12 September 10, 2017, as "Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.