THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 24, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 10, 2015, 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 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

17 Report, all 194 member states of the World Health Assembly are

1 seeking to reduce suicide rates by 10% through the year 2020;

2 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 13th anniversary this year; and

7 WHEREAS, Key goals of this year's campaign are reaffirming

8 the global commitment to suicide prevention, cultivating our

9 connectedness and engendering open dialogue relating to suicide;

10 and

11 WHEREAS, In keeping with these goals, Preventing Suicide:

12 Reaching Out and Saving Lives is the theme of the 2015 "World

13 Suicide Prevention Day" observance; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 10, 2015, as

15 "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.