

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 417 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, AUGUST 30, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Suicide Prevention
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,300 Pennsylvanians lose their lives
4 to suicide every year; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Youth Suicide
6 Prevention Initiative, suicide is the second leading cause of
7 death for young people from 15 to 24 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, Suicide affects all races, genders and age groups,
9 with an estimated 250,000 people each year that are suicide
10 survivors; and

11 WHEREAS, Suicidal behavior is a serious and persistent public
12 health concern with devastating effects on families and
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Education and awareness are crucial tools that may
15 assist in combating suicide rates nationwide and in
16 Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, Research also demonstrates that increased public
18 awareness of the warning signs of suicide and awareness of

1 appropriate and effective intervention strategies reduce
2 suicidal deaths; and

3 WHEREAS, September 10, 2016, marked the annual "World Suicide
4 Prevention Day," and the month of September is recognized as
5 "National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" which promotes
6 resources and awareness around the issues of suicide prevention;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes the seriousness of the issue
9 of suicide in this Commonwealth and encourages Pennsylvanians to
10 learn more about the warning signs of suicide and how each
11 person can help prevent suicide and promote mental health;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
14 2016 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.