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REPLY TO:

TO: All Senators

DATE: September 19, 2012

FROM: Senator Christine M. Tartaglione

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Resolution:
World Suicide Prevention Day

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution recognizing September 10, 2012 as World Suicide Prevention Day.

Annually, almost one million people die from suicide. That equals one death every forty seconds. Suicidal behavior has become a major public health concern and is one of the leading causes of death in the world, as well as the tenth leading cause of death in the United States. The number of people whose lives are lost each year due to suicide exceeds the number of deaths from homicide and war combined.

Suicide remains a major preventable cause of premature death, yet it remains a topic surrounded by stigma and silence in many societies.

Please join me in raising awareness and breaking the silence about suicide during World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2012.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Elizabeth Gray at (717)787-1141 or egray@pasenate.com.