
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 417 Session of
2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2019 as "National Suicide
2 Prevention Awareness Month" and September 10, 2019, as "World
3 Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes that it is
9 imperative to raise awareness that suicide is preventable; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, 800,000
11 individuals die annually from suicide, which is one person every
12 40 seconds; and

13 WHEREAS, For every individual who has died by suicide there

1 are more than 20 individuals who have attempted suicide; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the National Institute of Mental
3 Health, suicide claims the lives of over 47,000 Americans each
4 year; and

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

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 month of September 2019 as "National Suicide Prevention
13 Awareness Month" and September 10, 2019, as "World Suicide
14 Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.