
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 150 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, JUNE 5, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 5, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2019 as "Suicide Prevention
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to promote suicide
3 prevention and raise greater awareness of the problem of
4 suicide.

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 2,030 residents of this Commonwealth
6 lost their lives to suicide in 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Injury
8 Prevention and Control, suicide is the second leading cause of
9 death for young people 15 to 24 years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, Suicide affects all races, genders and age groups
11 with an estimated quarter million suicide survivors each year;
12 and

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

16 WHEREAS, Education and awareness are crucial tools that may
17 assist in combating suicide rates in this Commonwealth and
18 nationwide; and

19 WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that increased public

1 awareness of the warning signs of suicide and appropriate,
2 effective intervention strategies reduce suicidal deaths; and

3 WHEREAS, Annual "World Suicide Prevention Day" occurs on
4 September 10, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, September 2019 is "National Suicide Prevention
6 Awareness Month," which promotes resources and awareness
7 regarding suicide prevention; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the seriousness of the
9 problem of suicide in this Commonwealth and encourage the
10 residents of this Commonwealth to learn more about the warning
11 signs of suicide and how each individual can help prevent
12 suicide and promote mental health; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
14 2019 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to
15 promote suicide prevention and raise greater awareness of the
16 problem of suicide.