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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, BOSCOLA, BROOKS, HUGHES, KANE, PHILLIPS-  
HILL, FONTANA, STREET, MENSCH, KEARNEY, DUSH, VOGEL,  
SCAVELLO, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, REGAN, BROWNE, ARGALL,  
SCHWANK, J. WARD, ROBINSON, COMITTA, BARTOLOTTA, COLLETT,  
PITTMAN, COSTA, MUTH, CAPPELLETTI AND STEFANO,  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2021 as "Suicide Prevention  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to promote suicide  
3 prevention and to raise greater awareness of the problem of  
4 suicide.

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,887 Commonwealth residents lost  
6 their lives to suicide in 2019; 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

1 nationwide; and

2 WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that increased public  
3 awareness of the warning signs of suicide and awareness of  
4 appropriate and effective intervention strategies reduce  
5 suicidal deaths; and

6 WHEREAS, The annual "World Suicide Prevention Day" is  
7 September 10, 2021; and

8 WHEREAS, September is "National Suicide Prevention and  
9 Awareness Month," which promotes resources and awareness around  
10 the issues of suicide prevention; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
12 2021, as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to  
13 promote suicide prevention and to raise greater awareness of the  
14 problem of suicide; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the seriousness of the  
16 issue of suicide in this Commonwealth and encourages the  
17 residents of this Commonwealth to learn more about the warning  
18 signs of suicide and how each individual can help prevent  
19 suicide and promote mental health.