## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing September 10, 2021, as "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Suicidal behavior has become a major public health
- 4 concern; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Cultures of silence and post-suicide stigmas still
- 6 exist in many societies worldwide; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Around the globe, suicide ranks as a leading cause
- 8 of death and remains a major preventable cause of premature
- 9 death; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The number of suicide deaths per year exceeds the
- 11 number of deaths from homicide and war combined; and
- 12 WHEREAS, More than 700,000 people die from suicide each year,
- 13 with one death from suicide occurring every 40 seconds; and
- 14 WHEREAS, In the United States, suicide is the 10th leading
- 15 cause of death; and
- 16 WHEREAS, "World Suicide Prevention Day," part of a worldwide
- 17 suicide prevention initiative by the International Association

- 1 for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization, is
- 2 marking its 18th anniversary this year; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The theme of this year's "World Suicide Prevention
- 4 Day" is "Creating Hope Through Action"; therefore be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 10, 2021, as
- 6 "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.