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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 193 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY O'MARA, BENNINGHOFF, KINSEY, SANCHEZ, FREEMAN,  
HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, VITALI, MADDEN, VENKAT, McNEILL,  
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HADDOCK, MALAGARI, DELLOSO, HOWARD, KAUFFMAN, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ,  
NEILSON, GREEN, ISAACSON, CIRESI, T. DAVIS AND WARREN,  
AUGUST 29, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, AUGUST 29, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2023 as "Suicide Prevention  
2 Awareness Month" and September 10, 2023, as "World Suicide  
3 Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Suicide accounted for 48,183 deaths in 2021, with  
5 approximately one death from suicide occurring every 11 minutes;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, More than 700,000 people around the world die by  
8 suicide each year; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, the  
10 COVID-19 pandemic triggered a 25% increase in the prevalence of  
11 anxiety and depression; and

12 WHEREAS, Suicide is on the rise again after two years of  
13 decline; and

14 WHEREAS, Suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death in  
15 the United States and the second leading cause of death for  
16 those 10 to 14 years of age; and

1       WHEREAS, Stigma surrounding mental health and suicide  
2 prevents many individuals who are contemplating suicide from  
3 seeking and receiving appropriate treatment; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
5 month of September 2023 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month"  
6 and September 10, 2023, as "World Suicide Prevention Day" in  
7 Pennsylvania; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
9 seriousness of the issue of suicide in Pennsylvania and  
10 encourage the education of Pennsylvania residents on the matter.