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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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COMITTA, DILLON, HUTCHINSON, KANE, HAYWOOD, BROWN,  
CAPPELLETTI, MASTRIANO AND SCHWANK, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 10, 2024, as "World Suicide Prevention  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Suicidal behavior is a major public health concern;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Cultures of silence and postsuicide stigmas still  
6 exist both in the United States and in many societies worldwide;  
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8 WHEREAS, Around the globe, suicide ranks as a leading cause  
9 of death and remains a major preventable cause of premature  
10 death; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 700,000 people are estimated to die from  
12 suicide each year, with one death from suicide occurring every  
13 40 seconds; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, suicide is the 11th leading  
15 cause of death; and

16 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, 1,885 people died from suicide in  
17 2021; and

1       WHEREAS, Survivors of suicide are 25 times more likely to  
2 commit a suicidal act in the future, underscoring the importance  
3 of continued prevention; and

4       WHEREAS, "World Suicide Prevention Day" is part of a  
5 worldwide suicide prevention initiative by the International  
6 Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health  
7 Organization; and

8       WHEREAS, The theme of this year's "World Suicide Prevention  
9 Day" is "Start the Conversation" which encourages individuals,  
10 communities, organizations and governments to engage in open,  
11 honest discussions about mental health and suicide; and

12       WHEREAS, The Senate will further build on this message of  
13 open dialog about mental health suicide through the sponsoring  
14 of "Suicide Prevention Awareness Day" together with the Suicide  
15 Prevention Alliance in the Capitol on October 2, 2024; therefore  
16 be it

17       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 10, 2024, as  
18 "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.