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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of September, 2016 as
"Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in New Jersey

September 21, 2016

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's 2016 Suicide Awareness Month theme is #BThe1 To Help Someone Else, which highlights the key message that everyone has a role to play in suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background, with suicide being the third leading cause of death among young people, which is often the result of mental health conditions that affect people when they are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, every 40 seconds a person dies by suicide somewhere in the world, with September 10, 2016, World Suicide Prevention Day, signifying suicide prevention as a global imperative to increase awareness of the public health significance of suicide and suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Suicidology states that "Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business," and 2016 Suicide Prevention Week, September 5-11, is dedicated to educating communities about suicide prevention, learning risk factors, and providing training; and

WHEREAS, a Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council and an Adult Suicide Prevention Advisory Council have been established to address suicide prevention here in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, knowing suicide is preventable, the stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders shall not be tolerated, or permitted to prevent individuals and families from seeking treatment, or from being treated with the fullest measure of compassion and dignity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2016 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie; the New Jersey Legislature; the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; the Department of Children and Families; County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors; County Mental Health Administrators, and County Alliance Coordinators.


Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman


Date