
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, LAUGHLIN, KEARNEY, ROTHMAN,
CAPPELLETTI, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, COMMITTA AND
VOGEL, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 10, 2023, 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;
7 and

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; and

3 WHEREAS, "World Suicide Prevention Day," part of a worldwide
4 suicide prevention initiative by the International Association
5 for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization, is
6 marking its 20th anniversary this year; and

7 WHEREAS, The theme of this year's "World Suicide Prevention
8 Day" is "Creating Hope Through Action"; and

9 WHEREAS, We can signal to people experiencing suicidal
10 thoughts that there is hope and help available for those who are
11 struggling; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 10, 2023, as
13 "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.