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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of September, 2018 as
'Suicide Prevention Awareness Month' in New Jersey

October 17, 2018

WHEREAS, #BeThe1To is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline message for 2018 National Suicide Prevention Month and beyond, which helps spread the word about actions we can all take to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, 'The Power of Connection' was the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention 2018 National Suicide Prevention Week theme, because one of the risks for suicide is social isolation, with scientific evidence that connecting with one another can reduce suicide risk, and that one conversation could save a life; and

WHEREAS, the World Suicide Prevention Day September 10, 2018 theme was Working Together to Prevent Suicide, with more people dying from suicide than by war and murder combined; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey held its 4th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference with the 2018 theme 'A Community Effort,' to work together to promote awareness and combat stigma in the effort to prevent suicide; 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, suicide is preventable, and New Jersey provides many suicide prevention resources, including the NJ Suicide Prevention Hopeline, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 2nd Floor, Vet2Vet, and Cop2Cop.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2018 as 'Suicide Prevention Awareness Month' in New Jersey.

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

Neil Van Ess
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

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Date