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## RESOLUTION

**Recognizing the Month of September, 2019 as  
"Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in New Jersey**

**September 15, 2020**

**WHEREAS, #BeThe1To** is once again National Suicide Prevention Lifeline message for National Suicide Prevention Month 2019, a month when mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness; and

**WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 2019 #BeThe1** message for National Suicide Prevention Month 2019 means we should **Be The One to Ask, to Keep Them Safe, to Be There, to Help Them Stay Connected, to Follow Up, and to Learn More;** and

**WHEREAS, every 40 seconds, someone loses their life to suicide, and so World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10, 2019, launched a "40 seconds of action" campaign to raise awareness of the scale of suicide around the world and the role that each of us can play to help prevent it; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Suicide Prevention Conference with the 2019 theme "Health Care Communities; a Crucial Setting for Suicide Prevention" to help educate healthcare providers about suicide prevention, and the stigma associated with suicide; and**

**WHEREAS, the New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council and Adult Suicide Prevention Advisory Council continue 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2019 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; County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors; County Mental Health Administrators, and County Alliance Coordinators.

  
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

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Date