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RESOLUTION

**Recognizing the Month of September 2021 as
“Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” in New Jersey**

January 18, 2022

WHEREAS, #BeThe1To is once again National Suicide Prevention Lifeline message for National Suicide Prevention Month 2021, a month when mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness and break down the related stigma; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, from February 21 to March 20 of 2021, suspected suicide attempt emergency department visits were 50.6% higher among girls aged 12-17 years than during the same period in 2019, among boys aged 12-17 years, suspected suicide attempt emergency department visits increased 3.7%; and

WHEREAS, according to CDC, suicide prevention requires a comprehensive community approach involving multisectoral partnerships and implementation of evidence-based strategies; and

WHEREAS, according to the NIMH, suicide was the tenth leading cause of death in the United States, in 2019 claiming over 47,500 lives, the second leading cause among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, and 4th leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 44; and

WHEREAS, telehealth treatment and supports are available with individuals and families encouraged to access these valuable and effective resources; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable, and New Jersey provides many suicide prevention resources including NJ Suicide Prevention Hopeline, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 2nd Floor, Vet2Vet, Cop2Cop, and the upcoming NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, New Jersey Department of Health 2021 Suicide Prevention Conference.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2021 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

January 18, 2022

Date