Resolution No. 2025-194

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2025 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, suicides are the 11th leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, there were an estimated 1.5 million suicide attempts in the United States and over 49,000 Americans died by suicide according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, there were 53 suicide deaths in Solano County; and, in the first six months of 2025, there have been 25 suicide deaths, which is six less than this same time last year; and

WHEREAS, nationally 39% of LGBTQ+ young people seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, and over half of transgender and nonbinary youth seriously considered suicide, according to the Trevor Project; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with behavioral health conditions, societal norms, and fears work against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking life-saving help, and by further traumatizing those who have attempted suicide and those who have lost loved ones to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable national, State, and local public health concern, and no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for all populations or communities; and

WHEREAS, the community can promote awareness, and efforts should be made to develop and implement strategies to increase access to quality mental health and substance use treatment, and suicide prevention services; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Behavioral Health in partnership with the Solano County Suicide Prevention and Overdose Coalition and the community, continues to strive to impact change by saving lives and envisioning a suicide-free community achieved through education and training, stigma reduction efforts, collaboration with partners, and the provision of resources to combat suicide; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Behavioral Health invites the community to attend the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, a virtual event in which survivors of suicide loss come together to find connection, understand and hope through their shared experience on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors designates September 7-13, 2025 as National Suicide Prevention Week in Solano County and encourages all residents of Solano County to learn more about promoting mental health wellness and the detection and prevention of suicide.

Dated this 9th day of September 2025

MITCH H. MÅSHBURN, Chair Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BILL EMLEN, Clerk

Solano County Board of Supervisors

Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk