

# Resolution No. 2018-

## RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2018 AS “NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK” IN SOLANO COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in California and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among individuals under the age of 34, and suicide is the only leading cause of death to increase every year over the last decade; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2017, Solano County experienced 45 suicide deaths, of which 47% were individuals between the ages of 26-59 years old, 69% were male, and 33% involved the use of a firearm; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide does not discriminate: individuals of all genders, races, ethnicities and socioeconomic statuses kill themselves and every suicide intimately impacts at least 6 close friend and family survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, The stigma associated with mental health conditions prevents persons at risk for suicide from sharing their thoughts with their own support systems and seeking life-saving help; support persons may see warning signs yet be afraid to talk with their loved ones about it; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is a preventable national, state, and local public health problem and while no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for all populations or communities, Solano County has an active Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, As a community we can promote awareness of the importance of knowing the warning signs of suicide and how to respond and help get others connected to mental health, substance use, and suicide prevention services; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County Behavioral Health in partnership with the Solano County Suicide Prevention Committee and the community has, and continues to, strive to impact change by saving lives and envisioning a suicide free community achieved through education and trainings, stigma reduction efforts, collaboration with partners and the provision of resources to combat suicide.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Solano County Board of Supervisors, hereby designates September 9-15, 2018 as “**Suicide Prevention Week**” in Solano County, and encourages all residents of Solano County to learn more about the detection and prevention of suicide.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018

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JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

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Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk