

Resolution No. 2017-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2017 AS “NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK” IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals under the age of 45 (Centers for Disease Control); and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 11.89 minutes, resulting in over 44,000 suicides each year (Centers for Disease Control); and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Solano County experienced 44 suicide deaths of which 45% were individuals between the ages of 40-59 years old; and of the 44 suicide deaths 87% were male residents and 48% of the reported suicide deaths involved the use of a firearm (Solano County Sheriff Coroner's Office); and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions discourages persons from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes those who have attempted suicide and the loved ones of suicide loss; and

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

WHEREAS, as a community we can promote awareness that there is no single cause for suicide and that efforts should be made to develop and implement strategies to increase access to quality mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Behavioral Health, the Solano County Suicide Prevention Committee, and the community continue to strive to save lives and envision a suicide free community achieved through education and trainings, stigma reduction efforts, and the provision of services and support to combat suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors, hereby designate September 10-16, 2017 as “**National Suicide Prevention Week**” in Solano County, and encourage all residents of Solano County to learn more about the detection and prevention of suicide.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2017

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk