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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

September 15, 2015 – Introduced by Senators L. Taylor, Hansen, Lassa, Miller, Bewley, Harsdorf, Vinehout, Ringhand and C. Larson, cosponsored by Representatives Goyke, Spiros, Danou, Kessler, Brostoff, Kolste, Hesselbein, Milroy, Sinicki, Horlacher, Jorgensen, A. Ott, Zamarripa, Berceau, Subeck, Pope and Ohnstad. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

Whereas, suicide is a national health crisis, with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that, in 2013, 41,149 Americans took their own lives, making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and underscoring that approximately every 15 minutes we lose a life to this crisis; and Whereas, the effect of a single suicide is devastating, resulting in anguish and sadness on the part of all those who knew the victim, and this damage can consume a community, forever draining that community of its vitality, innocence, and happiness; and

Whereas, suicide affects all races, genders, and age groups, with an estimated quarter million people each year that are suicide survivors, and there are numerous factors such as depression, abuse, alcohol or drug dependency, bullying, and other mental illnesses that contribute to suicide; and

Whereas, education and awareness are crucial tools in the fight to prevent
suicides and may serve to create a deliberative forum in which persons may seek
help; and
Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to lead and offer openness as well
as understanding about the causes, effects, and circumstances of those
contemplating self-harm; and
Whereas, September is designated as National Suicide Prevention Month to
spread knowledge and awareness and provide an opportunity for those who have lost
a loved one to suicide or someone who has contemplated suicide themselves to share
their experiences; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims September as National Suicide Prevention Month in Wisconsin.

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