

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 64

June 16, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, ALLEN, BERNIER, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, CONSIDINE, KESSLER, KLEEFISCH, MURPHY, PETRYK, ROHRKASTE, TITTL and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, DARLING, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, RINGHAND, SHILLING and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **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 2014, 1.1 million Americans attempted to take their own lives and 42,773 Americans took their own lives, making suicide the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and underscoring that approximately every 12.3 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

11 Whereas, suicide affects all races, genders, and age groups, with an estimated 12 quarter million people each year that are suicide survivors, and there are numerous 13 factors such as depression, abuse, alcohol or drug dependency, bullying, and other 14 mental illnesses that contribute to suicide; and 2017 – 2018 Legislature

1 Whereas, education and awareness are crucial tools in the fight to prevent 2 suicides and may serve to create a deliberative forum in which persons may seek 3 help; and

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

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