



2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

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1 **Relating to:** recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

2 Whereas, suicide is a national health crisis, with the Center for Disease Control
3 and Prevention reporting that, in 2013, 41,149 Americans took their own lives,
4 making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and
5 underscoring that approximately every 15 minutes we lose a life to this crisis; and

6 Whereas, the effect of a single suicide is devastating, resulting in anguish and
7 sadness on the part of all those who knew the victim, and this damage can consume
8 a community, forever draining that community of its vitality, innocence, and
9 happiness; and

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

