

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORSCOUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIAIN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING THIS 13TH) RESOLUTION
DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016, AS "SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY")

WHEREAS, Suicide is preventable, and every Fresno County resident can take part in prevention and education efforts. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among youth, ages 15-29. In 2014, Fresno County lost over 110 of its residents to suicide. Rates of suicide by U.S. Veterans are double that of the civilian population. An estimated 4.73 million Americans are survivors of suicide of a friend, family member, or loved one; and

WHEREAS, Suicide and suicidal behaviors occur among all age groups and across all socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Public health focuses on preventing suicidal behavior before it ever occurs and addresses a broad range of risk and protective factors. This approach requires not only reducing the factors that put people at risk, but also increasing the factors that protect people from engaging in suicidal behavior; and


WHEREAS, Fresno County, in collaboration with Department of Public Health, Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss, Veterans Administration of Central California Health Care System and Kings View Suicide Prevention Hotline recognize that suicide is preventable and work together toward suicide prevention and early intervention activities; and

WHEREAS, No single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and communicate, care and connect these words are the heart of suicide prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims and recognizes this 13th Day of September, 2016, as "Suicide Prevention Day" throughout Fresno County in efforts to communicate and work together towards preventing suicidal behaviors

Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea, Poochigian
NOES: None
ABSENT: None


CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy