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Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Day, September 10, 2023

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health concern; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Pennsylvania, one person dies by suicide nearly every five hours, making it the third leading cause of death for ages 15-34 and the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54 (AFSP, 2021); and

WHEREAS, over 5.4 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide (CDC, 2019); and **WHEREAS**, each member of our community is valued and irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, talking openly about stress and psychological health builds trust, reduces barriers to care, and enables early intervention; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Fulton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 2023 as "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10, 2023 as "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day" in Fulton County.

Proclaimed this 5th day of September, 2023.

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