

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 519 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY O'MARA, BENNINGHOFF, WEBSTER, ISAACSON, HILL-
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MADDEN, GALLAGHER, SCHLOSSBERG, NEILSON, KHAN, DALEY AND
MERSKI, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2024 as "Suicide Prevention
2 Awareness Month" and September 10, 2024, as "World Suicide
3 Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, More than 700,000 people around the world die by
5 suicide each year; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
7 estimates that there were 1.6 million suicide attempts in the
8 United States in 2022; and

9 WHEREAS, After a decline in 2019 and 2021, suicide rates in
10 the United States have seen two years of increases; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention, suicide accounted for 49,449 deaths in 2022, a 2.6%
13 increase over the previous year; and

14 WHEREAS, Suicide is the eleventh-leading cause of death in
15 the United States and the second-leading cause of death for
16 those 10 to 14 years of age; and

1 WHEREAS, Stigma surrounding mental health and suicide
2 prevents many individuals who are contemplating suicide from
3 seeking and receiving appropriate treatment; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 month of September 2024 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month"
6 and September 10, 2024, as "World Suicide Prevention Day" in
7 Pennsylvania; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
9 residents of this Commonwealth to provide support for those in
10 need.