

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2018 AS "HALFMOON SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 AS "HALFMOON SUICIDE AND PREVENTION DAY."

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person commits suicide every thirteen minutes; and

WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide claims the lives of over 1,894 Pennsylvanians each year, or on average one person dies by suicide every five hours in the state.

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 25-34 year olds, 3rd leading cause of death for 10-24 years olds and 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54; and

WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

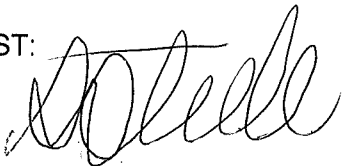
WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors hereby designates the month of September, 2018 as "Halfmoon Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10, 2018 as "Halfmoon Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day."

RESOLVED, this day 9th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:



Secretary

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Chair

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