

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2019 AS "HALFMOON SUICIDE AWARENESS
AND PREVENTION MONTH" AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 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,
2019 as "Halfmoon Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10,
2019 as "Halfmoon Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day."


RESOLVED, this day 11th day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Secretary



Chair

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