

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, MALONE, CAPPELLETTI, COMITTA, CULVER,
ARGALL, HUGHES, BROWN, KEARNEY, KANE, HAYWOOD, VOGEL AND
PISCIOTTANO, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 10, 2025, as "World Suicide Prevention
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Suicidal behavior is a major public health concern;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Cultures of silence and post-suicide stigmas still
6 exist both in the United States and in many societies worldwide;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Around the globe, suicide ranks as a leading cause
9 of death and remains a major preventable cause of premature
10 death; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 720,000 people are estimated to die from
12 suicide each year, with one death from suicide occurring every
13 40 seconds; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, suicide is the 11th leading
15 cause of death; and

16 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, 1,955 people died from suicide in
17 2022; and

1 WHEREAS, Survivors of suicide are 25 times more likely to
2 commit a suicidal act in the future, underscoring the importance
3 of continued prevention; and

4 WHEREAS, "World Suicide Prevention Day" is part of a
5 worldwide suicide prevention initiative by the International
6 Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health
7 Organization; and

8 WHEREAS, The theme of this year's "World Suicide Prevention
9 Day" is "Start the Conversation," which encourages individuals,
10 communities, organizations and governments to engage in open,
11 honest discussions about mental health and suicide; and

12 WHEREAS, The Senate will further build on the message of
13 "World Suicide Prevention Day" through the sponsoring of
14 "Suicide Prevention Awareness Day," together with the Suicide
15 Prevention Alliance in the Capitol on September 10, 2025;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 10, 2025, as
18 "World Suicide Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.