



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: September 12, 2023

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming the Month of September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month in Sonoma County**

**Whereas**, suicide is a major public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action;

**Whereas**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that suicide rates rose across the United States from 2000 to 2021 by 36%;

**Whereas**, on average there are 73 deaths by suicide each year in Sonoma County, making suicide the 9th leading cause of death in the County;

**Whereas**, the Sonoma County age-adjusted suicide death rate was 13.6 per 100,000 people per year, statistically higher than the California rate of 9.9 per 100,000 people per year;

**Whereas**, each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community;

**Whereas**, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services (DHS) is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma;

**Whereas**, the County of Sonoma is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide;

**Whereas**, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to help those who are contemplating suicide; and

**Whereas**, each September Suicide Prevention Month is recognized across the United States and provides the opportunity to educate oneself about warning signs and how best to help those most in need.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:	Rabbitt:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Coursey:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

**So Ordered.**