



Legislation Text

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To: County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services
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Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Gold Resolution proclaiming the month of September 2022 as Suicide Prevention Month in Sonoma County. (Countywide)

Executive Summary:

This item requests that the Board adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of September 2022 as Suicide Prevention Month in Sonoma County.

Discussion:

Suicide is a major public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that suicide rates rose in the United States from 2000 to 2018 by 30 percent.

On average there are 75 deaths by suicide each year in Sonoma County, making suicide the ninth leading cause of death in the County. According to the California Department of Public Health report, the Sonoma County three-year average age-adjusted suicide death rate for 2018 through 2020 was 14.65 per 100,000 people per year, statistically higher than the California rate of 11.14 per 100,000 people per year.

Efforts to prevent suicide in Sonoma County are scheduled for Suicide Prevention Month. The September edition of the Mental Health Services Act Newsletter highlights several scheduled activities that recognize Suicide Prevention Month including:

- September 14: Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk training for clinicians in Santa Rosa from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- September 29: Screening of The S Word and 988 Presentation at Finley Center from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information about these events go to the Behavioral Health website at:

[<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/>](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/)

In support of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10, 2022), Each Mind Matters: California's Mental Health Movement is excited to provide the 2022 Suicide Prevention Activation Kit. In addition, the launch of the new National Suicide Prevention Hotline # 988 is active this month, and more information of this Federal resource can be found at:

[<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988>](https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988)

The theme of this year's activation kit is Supportive Transitions.

The 2022 Suicide Prevention Activation Kit can be found here:

[<https://www.eachmindmatters.org/spw2022/>](https://www.eachmindmatters.org/spw2022/)

Prior Board Actions:

Most recently, on September 10, 2019 the Board recognized Suicide Prevention Week in Sonoma County. It was also recognized on September 11, 2018 and August 30, 2016.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 22-23 Adopted	FY 23-24 Projected	FY 24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None