
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ACTION
MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, September is known nationally as "Suicide
2 Prevention Month" and is intended to promote awareness and raise
3 visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention
4 services available in the community; and
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6 WHEREAS, the goal of a national month of recognition is to
7 start a conversation about mental health and the impact of
8 suicide to help destigmatize the conversation and help connect
9 people with the appropriate support services; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide
12 Prevention, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death among
13 adults, and the second leading cause of death among individuals
14 between the ages of ten and thirty-four in the United States;
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17 WHEREAS, in the United States more than forty-eight
18 thousand people died by suicide in 2018, with an average of one
19 hundred thirty-two successful suicide attempts per day; and
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21 WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide
22 Prevention, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death in
23 the State in 2020, and is the second leading cause of death for
24 those ten years of age through thirty-four years of age in
25 Hawaii; and
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27 WHEREAS, each and every suicide directly impacts a minimum
28 of one hundred additional people, including family, friends,
29 coworkers, neighbors, and community members; and
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31 WHEREAS, the State remains committed to lowering suicide
32 rates; and



1 WHEREAS, the State fully supports those who work in the
2 fields of mental health, education, and law enforcement; now,
3 therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2021, that September 2021 is designated as Suicide Prevention
8 and Action Month; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of Hawaii are
11 encouraged to take the time to understand the importance of
12 mental health education and recognize that taking care of
13 oneself and others includes taking care of mental health; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and
17 County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of the
18 County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, President of the
19 Board of Directors of Hope For The Day, and Director of Hawaii's
20 Suicide Prevention Center.

