



PROCLAMATION
National Suicide Prevention Month, September 2021

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, with an increase of more than 2000 lives lost in Pennsylvania each year and an estimated 8-25 attempted suicides for each suicide death; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, over 48,000 Americans ages 10 or older died by suicide, making it one of the country's top 10 causes of death; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th-leading cause of all deaths in Pennsylvania and the second-leading cause of death among people from the age of 10 to 34

WHEREAS, national suicide rates have increased significantly since 1999, with nearly every state recording increases of more than 25.4 percent; and

WHEREAS, nearly three times as many people die by suicide in Pennsylvania annually as by homicide, and Pennsylvania's 2020 suicide rate of 14.89 per 100,000 people being higher than the national average of 14.2 per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania veterans, active-duty military personnel, and National Guardsmen face a disproportionate risk as compared to the general population of Pennsylvania, with more dying from suicide than combat; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this terrifying problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life; and the risk for human self-destruction can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment; and as the highest risk for suicide is among the survivors of those who died by suicide or those who have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, Forest/Warren Human Services, the Warren County School District and the Warren County Government are committed to working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate the community about the warning signs of suicide, and ultimately reduce the rate of suicide in our County; and

WHEREAS, CORE (Choosing Openness Regarding Experiences) is a grassroots organization that collaborates with the Warren County School District and other entities to promote suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Warren County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 2019 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Warren County and do urge all citizens to work to prevent suicide and to raise awareness and tolerance around all people affected by this tragedy.

ADOPTED this 25th day of August 2021.

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY

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Benjamin Kafferlin
Chair

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Tricia D. Durbin
Vice Chair

Attest:

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Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

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Jeff Eggleston
Commissioner