

RESOLUTION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

A RESOLUTION OF MARION TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025 AS "MARION TOWNSHIP SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 AS "MARION TOWNSHIP SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION DAY."

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health concern; and

WHEREAS, statistically speaking, in the state of Pennsylvania, one person dies by suicide nearly every five hours, making it the third leading cause of death for ages 15-24, the second leading cause for ages 25-34, and the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54 (CDC, 2021); and

WHEREAS, over 5.4 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide (CDC, 2019); and

WHEREAS, each member of our community is valued and irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, talking openly about stress and psychological health builds trust, reduces barriers to care, and enables early intervention; and

WHEREAS, though we recognize there is no single cause or single solution to suicide, we know that access to support and treatment can save lives, and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible, and

WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable. By learning the signs and symptoms and limiting access to means, we can work together to help prevent suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Marion Township does hereby proclaim September 2025 as "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10, 2025 as "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day" in Centre County.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of Marion Township, this 13 day of Aug 2025.