

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

Senators Bayer and Cavanagh offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate September 2025 as Suicide Prevention
2 Month.

3 Whereas, There is no single cause or solution to the issue of
4 suicide, and we know that access to support and treatment can and
5 does save lives; and

6 Whereas, Mental health can be a common factor for those
7 contemplating suicide, and other contributing factors play a large
8 role; and

9 Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the
11 United States (U.S.) as well as the second leading cause of death
12 among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 years; and

13 Whereas, In the U.S., an individual dies by suicide every 11
14 minutes, resulting in nearly 48,000 deaths each year; and

1 Whereas, The stigma associated with mental health conditions
2 and suicidality hinders suicide prevention by discouraging at-risk
3 individuals from seeking lifesaving help and can further traumatize
4 survivors of suicide loss and individuals with lived experience of
5 suicide; and

6 Whereas, Despite mental health playing a factor in suicide
7 prevention, many Americans continue to struggle to find treatment
8 as a result of expense or inaccessibility; and

9 Whereas, We strongly support the efforts of national, state,
10 and local partners, and every citizen to actively engage in public
11 and private efforts to spread awareness about the importance of
12 mental health to the wellbeing of our communities; and

13 Whereas, We recognize that suicide and suicide attempts affect
14 the friends and loved ones of those around us; and

15 Whereas, Those experiencing suicidal thoughts or mental
16 distress can call or text 988 to speak with someone free and
17 confidentially; and

18 Whereas, We must continue to invest in mental health resources
19 and address the stigma of ideation of suicide in order to ensure
20 that no one feels they do not have someone to speak to when they
21 need it; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
23 body designate September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Month.