



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 101

RESOLUTION

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*Introduced by the Administration on September 2, 2020*

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**Recognizing Suicide Prevention Month**

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**Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That**

**WHEREAS**, September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Allentown City Council desires to recognize **Suicide Prevention Month**; and

**WHEREAS**, all month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in the state of Pennsylvania, one person dies by suicide every four hours, making it the second leading cause of death for ages 15 – 34 and the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for ages 35 - 54; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, during **Suicide Prevention Month**, let us take time to remember those affected by suicide, to raise awareness, and to focus efforts on treatment to those who need it the most; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL** on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 does recognize **Suicide Prevention Month** to spread awareness, take time to reach out to those in need and help people understand the severity of this cause.