RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2018

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health issue affecting people across the lifespan—our sons and daughters, our parents and grandparents, our students and our neighbors. It requires vigilant attention and preventative action; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, there were 42 deaths by suicide recorded in Marin County that disproportionately affected men who accounted for over three-quarters of those deaths—leaving heartbroken family members, friends, loved ones, and, by extension, the entire community; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, there were over 6,700 calls from Marin County residents reaching out to the 24/7 North Bay Suicide Prevention Hotline (415-499-1100) for assistance; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities. The Marin County Health and Human Services Department and the Marin County Office of Education are committed to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and providing education and training on suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk. They provide youth and adult mental health first aid community trainings in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish, and strategic planning around suicide prevention to align with the forthcoming Statewide Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Office of Education, Marin County schools, and community partners, such as Kaiser Permanente, are committed to providing education and training for the prevention of suicide, delivering evidence-based suicide prevention strategies to the community, establishing and communicating protocols for responding to suicide death, and promoting greater community awareness regarding available crisis intervention services; and

WHEREAS, every Marin County resident may contribute to a culture that accepts each person for who they are, no matter whom they love or what challenges they may face; empowering others to find the strength to ask for help and lift those who feel alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of September 2018, as “Suicide Prevention Month in Marin County.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 11th day of September 2018.

DAVID CONNELLY - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1 - PRESIDENT

KATE RICE - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2