



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring September 2020 as Suicide Prevention Month

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation to Sarah O'Malley, Deputy Director/Mental Health Director; Kerry Ahearn, Executive Director of Aldea Children and Family Services; and Denise Bleuel and Jim Warnock, suicide family survivors and members of the Suicide Prevention Council declaring September 2020 "Suicide Prevention Month" in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proclamation declaring the month of September 2020 as "Suicide Prevention Month" in Napa County is part of a local effort by the Napa County Suicide Prevention Council to save lives and achieve a suicide-free community through education and training, stigma reduction, and provision of resources to combat suicide.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Napa County Suicide Prevention Council (NCSPC) is a public/private collaborative of Napa families impacted by suicide and agencies that serve the Napa County Community. The NCSPC strives to save lives and envisions a suicide-free community through education and training, stigma reduction, and provision of resources to combat suicide.

According to the Centers for Disease Control:

- | Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States. In 2018, it claimed 48,000 lives.
- | In 2019, the age group with the highest suicide rate was 85 and older and the race with the highest suicides was White and second highest was American Indian/Alaskan Native.
- | In 2019, the suicide rate in California was 11 deaths per 100,000 population and 22 suicides were reported in Napa County.

According to Napa County Mental Health Division analysis of Napa County Sheriff Coroner's Office data, the months of January, February, April, and August have the greatest number of suicides overall.

In the past year, the Napa County Suicide Prevention Council supported the certification of 21 trainers in the Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) model of suicide prevention. These trainers then trained 300 community members to help prevent suicides

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Suicide Prevention Month

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri