

Proclamation

*SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH/DAY
SEPTEMBER / SEPTEMBER 10, 2018*

- WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States, where one person commits suicide every thirteen minutes; and
- WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and
- WHEREAS, suicide claims the lives of over 1,970 Pennsylvanians each year, or on average, one person dies by suicide every four hours in the state; and
- WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 15-34 year-olds and 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54; and
- WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and
- WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and
- WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Donald Hahn, do hereby proclaim the month of September to be Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and September 10, 2018, to be Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day in the Borough of State College.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the Borough of State College, this 20th day of August 2018.



Mayor Donald M. Hahn
August 20, 2018

