## **RESOLUTION R-16-12**

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GREGG TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREGG, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2016 AS "CENTRE COUNTY SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 AS "CENTRE COUNTY SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION DAY."

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 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, in Pennsylvania, suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 10 and 24, and the latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control show that the suicide rate among middle-aged Americans has increased by a factor of thirty percent since 1999; 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 maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Board of Supervisors of Gregg Township hereby designates the month of September, 2016 as "Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10, 2016 as "Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day."

**RESOLVED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:

Jenniger Snyder Secretary/Treasurer

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