## RESOLUTION NO. R-18-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREGG TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2018 AS "GREGG TOWNSHIP SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 AS "GREGG TOWNSHIP 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,** 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.

**WHEREAS,** in Pennsylvania, suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for 15-34 year olds and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**, the Gregg Township Council hereby designates the month of September, 2018 as "Gregg Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10, 2018 as "Gregg Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day."

RESOLVED THIS 12 TH DAY OF July 2018.

Gregg Township

By: (Name of Chairman), Chairman (Name of Governing Body)