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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, September is designated National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time to come together with collective passion and strength around a difficult topic, to raise awareness, and to promote resources regarding suicide prevention; and

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WHEREAS, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background, and although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues; suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people; and

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WHEREAS, Local and national organizations, like Suicide Prevention Services, are working diligently every day to address an issue that many still refuse to discuss in public; communities have an important role to play in supporting those who are vulnerable; and

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WHEREAS, Everyone is encouraged to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the month of
2 September 2018 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
3 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we encourage individuals, communities, and
5 organizations throughout the State of Illinois to share suicide
6 prevention awareness strategies and to ensure that
7 individuals, friends, and families have access to resources
8 they need to discuss suicide prevention.