

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 310

Reps. Schroeder, Allor, Calley, Clemente, Crawford, Gay-Dagnogo, Cynthia Johnson, Koleszar, Liberati, Pagan, Sneller, Warren, Wittenberg and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare September 10, 2020, as Suicide  
2 Prevention Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in  
4 Michigan; and

5           Whereas, Suicide touches people of all ages and walks of life.  
6 The highest rates of suicide are among those aged 25 to 50, those  
7 rates peaking for those nearer to 50; and

8           Whereas, In this state, suicide is the second leading cause of  
9 death for 15- to 24-year-olds and a leading cause of death among  
10 those individuals enrolled in college; and

11           Whereas, In 2018, more than 1,500 people in Michigan died as a



1 result of suicide; and

2       Whereas, Suicide's impact in the nation and in our state is  
3 enormous, whether measured in numbers of deaths, attempts, economic  
4 and medical benefit costs, or the devastation to survivors. The  
5 cost per year has been estimated at over \$90 billion nationally;  
6 and

7       Whereas, The causes of suicide are complex and multifaceted,  
8 involving psychological, biological, and sociological factors.  
9 Suicide is often the result of untreated mental illness, especially  
10 depressive illnesses. Research indicates that many suicides could  
11 have been prevented with immediate and appropriate intervention and  
12 treatment; and

13       Whereas, Suicide prevention opportunities continue to increase  
14 due to advances in clinical research pertaining to the diagnosis  
15 and effective treatment of mental illness, along with advances in  
16 neuroscience and in the development of community-based suicide  
17 prevention initiatives; and

18       Whereas, Much more can and must be done to reduce the stigma  
19 associated with seeking help for emotional or mental health  
20 problems or help for suicidal thoughts and behavior. Research  
21 demonstrates that increased public awareness of the warning signs  
22 of suicide and awareness of appropriate and effective intervention  
23 strategies would reduce suicide deaths; and

24       Whereas, Greater public consciousness of suicide as a major  
25 public health problem will help keep our citizens safe and healthy  
26 and is part of the greater efforts of the Michigan House of  
27 Representatives to raise awareness of mental health issues and  
28 prevent suicides; now, therefore, be it

29       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare September 10, 2020, as Suicide  
2 Prevention Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further  
3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
4 Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards and mental  
5 health and suicide prevention advocates throughout the state of  
6 Michigan.