

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, suicide continues to be a serious but preventable public health problem that can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, nationally, suicide is the ninth leading cause of death overall and the third leading cause of death among Americans aged 5 to 14 and the second leading cause of death among Americans aged 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, most recent data shows that in New Jersey suicide has decreased to 9.7 self-inflicted deaths per 100,000 people demonstrating that through education and public awareness, suicide rates can improve; and

WHEREAS, the best way to minimize risk of suicide is to learn about risk factors, recognize warning signs and take them seriously, and know how to respond to possibly save a life; and

WHEREAS, National Alliance on Mental Illness – Hunterdon Chapter (NAMI Hunterdon) is proud to partner with Hunterdon County Stigma Free Task Force to end the bigotry against people afflicted with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, local suicide prevention efforts including Hunterdon’s Stigma Free Task Force work to raise awareness, eliminate stigma, promote suicide prevention as a public health issue and increase help-seeking behavior; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention strategies are needed to promote awareness of suicide while also promoting prevention, resilience, and a commitment to social change; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Hunterdon invites all residents of Hunterdon County to become educated about suicide and participate in National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, hereby recognizes September, 2018 as NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH throughout the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, calls upon our citizens to take the CureStigma test today to see if they are affected by stigma at CureStigma.org and pledge to be stigma free.

ADOPTED: September 13, 2018

Craig Repmann, Mayor
Township Committee

Attest:



Ursula V. Stryker, RMC

Municipal Clerk