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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that every two days, 2 one person in Hawaii falls victim to suicide. The legislature 3 further recognizes that, during the five-year period between 4 2010 and 2014, suicide accounted for more than one out of every 5 four fatal injuries in Hawaii, outpacing motor vehicle collisions, homicide, unintentional poisoning, and drowning to 6 7 rank as the most common cause of fatal injuries. During this 8 time, suicide was also the leading cause of injury-related death 9 among most age groups, except among the very young and the 10 elderly.

11 The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of 12 September as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" to increase 13 the public's awareness of suicide prevention education, 14 resources, and support available to individuals, families, and 15 communities in Hawaii.



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1	SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2	by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3	read as follows:
4	"§8- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month The month
5	of September shall be known and designated as "Suicide
6	Prevention and Awareness Month". This month is not and shall
7	not be construed as a state holiday."
8	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
9	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title: Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month; September

Description: Designates the month of September of each year as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

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