A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, according to data

2   submitted by the prevent suicide Hawaii taskforce report to the

3   Hawaii state legislature on December 28, 2017, every two days

4   one person in Hawaii falls victim to suicide. In 2019, the

5   department of health announced that for a five-year period from

6   2013 to 2017, suicide was the most common cause of fatal

7   injuries among Hawaii residents, accounting for twenty-five per

8   cent of all fatal injuries and claiming more victims than motor

9   vehicle collisions, homicides, unintentional poisoning, and

10   drowning. The first goal and objective of the Hawaii suicide

11   prevention strategic plan is to increase awareness and

12   communication about suicide as a preventable public health

13   problem.

14   The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of

15   September as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" to

16   increase public awareness of suicide prevention education,

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1 resources, and support available to individuals, families, and

2 communities in Hawaii.

3   SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended

4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to

5 read as follows:

6   "**§8-**   **Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.** The month

7 of September shall be known and designated as "Suicide

8 Prevention and Awareness Month". This month is not and shall

9 not be construed as a state holiday."

10   SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:
Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month; Designated

Description:
Designates the month of September of each year as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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