

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that every two days, one person in Hawaii falls victim to suicide, the leading cause of fatal injury deaths in the State. The legislature also finds that from 2010 to 2014, suicide accounted for twenty-six per cent of all fatal injuries among Hawaii residents, claiming more victims than motor vehicle collisions, homicides, unintentional poisoning, and drowning.

The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of September as “Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month” to increase public awareness of suicide prevention education, resources, and support available to individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§8- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. The month of September shall be known and designated as “Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month”. This month is not and shall not be construed as a state holiday.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Became law on April 23, 2019, without the governor’s signature, pursuant to Art. III, §16, State Constitution.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.