

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.310

Rep. Schroeder 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
12 result of suicide; and

13 Whereas, Suicide's impact in the nation and in our state is



1 enormous, whether measured in numbers of deaths, attempts, economic
2 and medical benefit costs, or the devastation to survivors. The
3 cost per year has been estimated at over \$90 billion nationally;
4 and

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

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

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

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

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
28 this legislative body declare September 10, 2020, as Suicide
29 Prevention Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards and mental
3 health and suicide prevention advocates throughout the state of
4 Michigan.