



Township of

FERGUSON

Pennsylvania

Proclamation

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

Whereas, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

Whereas, in Pennsylvania, one person dies by suicide every four hours; making it the second leading cause of death for ages 10 – 34 and the fourth leading cause of death for ages 35 – 54; and

Whereas, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

Whereas, each member of our community is valuable and irreplaceable; and

Whereas, talking openly about stress and psychological health builds trust, reduces barriers to care, and enables early intervention; and

Whereas, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

Whereas, most suicides are preventable.

Now, therefore, The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the month of September 2021 to be "Ferguson Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10, 2021, to be "Ferguson Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day."

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of July 2021.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors,

Laura Dinimmi, Chair