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

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

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



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1            "§8-            Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.    The month  
 2 of September shall be known and designated as "Suicide  
 3 Prevention and Awareness Month".    This month is not and shall  
 4 not be construed as a state holiday."

5            SECTION 3.    New statutory material is underscored.

6            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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