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.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month; Designated

Description:
Designates the month of September of each year as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. (SD1)

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