

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, a time we unite and join voices to raise awareness of suicide prevention, treatment, and recovery resources; and,

Whereas, suicidal thoughts can affect anyone; and,

Whereas, individuals are more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful after speaking to someone who listens without judgment; and,

Whereas, the Department of Social Services' BeThe1SD initiative gives youth and adults the tools to learn how to "be the one to show you care"; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's suicide prevention strategic plan provides a framework to support statewide strategies around suicide prevention including education and training; and,

Whereas, in 2021, 65 suicide prevention and mental health awareness trainings to more than 1,440 individuals were supported by DSS in South Dakota, and follow up support was offered to over 2,000 youth and 984 adults after a hospitalization due to a crisis to assist them in remaining safe and working toward recovery:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2022, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Steven J. Barnett
Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State