

1-1 By: Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.C.R. No. 137  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019;  
 1-3 May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 13, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 13, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13			X	
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The observance of National Suicide Prevention Month  
 1-17 in September provides a fitting opportunity to heighten  
 1-18 understanding of this critical public health issue; and

1-19 WHEREAS, Each year in the United States, more than twice as  
 1-20 many people die from suicide as from homicide, and suicide has  
 1-21 become an issue of ever more pressing concern in recent decades;  
 1-22 from 1999 to 2016, rates of suicide rose in nearly every state, and  
 1-23 Texas experienced an 18.9 percent increase during that time period;  
 1-24 and

1-25 WHEREAS, Although suicide is difficult to predict, it is  
 1-26 often preceded by warning signs, and sudden changes in mood and  
 1-27 behavior can indicate that an individual may need help; the concern  
 1-28 expressed by friends, parents, and other family members can make a  
 1-29 tremendous difference to someone who is struggling with suicidal  
 1-30 thoughts; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Evidence shows that suicides can be reduced by  
 1-32 teaching coping and problem-solving skills; many individuals can  
 1-33 also find relief from depression and other emotional pressures  
 1-34 through therapy, and it is vital that the public be made aware of  
 1-35 available treatment options, including psychological counseling;  
 1-36 and

1-37 WHEREAS, Education initiatives can be especially helpful for  
 1-38 young people; suicide is the second leading cause of death among  
 1-39 primary and secondary students ages 10 and older, and a concerted  
 1-40 outreach effort in public schools can be an effective means of  
 1-41 engaging students, their families, and the wider community; and

1-42 WHEREAS, Suicide exacts a heavy toll on our state, leaving  
 1-43 far too many people to cope with the sudden loss of someone they  
 1-44 hold dear, and a greater awareness of suicide warning signs and  
 1-45 intervention strategies can play an important part in reducing the  
 1-46 number of these senseless tragedies; now, therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-48 hereby designate September as Suicide Prevention Month; and, be it  
 1-49 further

1-50 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section  
 1-51 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
 1-52 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
 1-53 passed by the legislature.

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