

**CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #18/19-05  
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 AS  
SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with over 109 deaths by suicide recorded in Fresno County during 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, each citizen of Fresno County can be the one to find the words to reach out and help someone in need who is contemplating suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative was formed by a large cross sector of behavioral health, physical health, schools, hospitals, people with lived experience, public safety, emergency medical systems providers, advocates, community based organizations, county and community leaders, to collectively develop a local plan to prevent suicides; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, in the most recent year available, there were over 17,000 calls made to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from Fresno County seeking assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, September 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> is recognized across the United States as Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate our community about warning signs and how best to help those most in need;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Central Unified School District hereby proclaims and recognizes on this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2018, that the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, be declared “**SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**” in Central Unified.

This Resolution is adopted by the Central Unified School District Board of Education at its meeting of August 28, 2018 by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Noes \_\_\_\_\_

Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

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Mr. Cesar Granda  
President, Board of Trustees

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Mr. Andrew G. Alvarado  
Superintendent