

**CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #18/19-05
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 10th-14th, 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 9th through 15th 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 28th Day of August 2018, that the week of September 10th through 14th, 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 28th day of August 2018.

Mr. Cesar Granda
President, Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew G. Alvarado
Superintendent