



Proclamation

WHEREAS, suicide nationally is the 10th leading cause of all deaths and the 3rd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the seventh leading cause of death for all Coloradans, and the second leading cause of death among youth and young adults ages 10 to 34; and

WHEREAS, among all injury deaths occurring in Colorado in 2013, suicide was the leading cause of death, more than double the number of motor vehicle fatalities; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 87,500 Colorado adults seriously considered suicide in the past year; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado, 11 percent of unemployed adults seriously considered suicide in the past year, compared to 3 percent of those employed; and

WHEREAS, Colorado consistently has among the 10 highest suicide rates of any state in the country each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 4.73 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention program will be appropriate for every population and coordinated statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, public and private organizations like the Carson J. Spencer Foundation, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and the Colorado State Employee Assistance Program are proven leaders in helping prevent suicide through individual counseling and programs like the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Working Minds and Man Therapy;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2014,

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventh day of September, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper
Governor*

