



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

**D-2**

For the meeting of: September 9, 2014

Date: August 13, 2014  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Proclaim September 2014 as Suicide Prevention Month.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Branch requested the Board of Supervisors recognize September, 2014 as Suicide Prevention Month to increase awareness and understanding of suicide prevention and to recognize the many private and public organizations and individuals that work tirelessly throughout the County to support suicide prevention.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Hayes \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Virginia Bass

**REVIEW:**

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF ITEM:**

\_\_\_\_ Consent  
\_\_\_\_ Departmental  
\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing  
XX Other Special Presentation (5 minutes)

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass  
Seconded by Supervisor Fennell  
And unanimously carried by those members present,  
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action  
contained in this report.

Dated: Sept. 9, 2014  
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: Ann Humboldt



# PROCLAMATION

Of the  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt

**WHEREAS**, Suicide Prevention Month promotes recognition that suicide is a major community health concern, and through social cohesion that fosters individual, family, community and social resiliency we can reduce the incidence of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is one of the top three preventable causes of death in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide and suicidal behaviors affect individuals of all ages, genders, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and religions, and that reducing stigma around suicide, mental health, and substance use will increase help-seeking; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of access to lethal means and methods of self-harm interrupts impulsive suicidal attempts and behaviors, and creates opportunities for those in distress to access quality healthcare; and

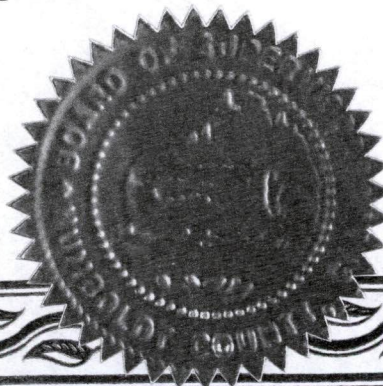
**WHEREAS**, increasing public awareness of grief support and healing for those who have lost a loved one to suicide enhances community healing; and

**WHEREAS**, strategies that promote connectedness between individuals, families, and community are protective factors against suicide and suicidal behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services along with public and private partnerships is committed to building a coordinated community response to suicide prevention through community education, and by providing comprehensive services and support for children, youth, families, adults and older adults.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **September 2014 as "Suicide Prevention Month"** to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention as well as to recognize the many private and public organizations and individuals that work tirelessly throughout the County to support suicide prevention.

September 9, 2014



*Rex Bohn*  
REX BOHN, Chair