

**PROCLAMATION**  
***Suicide Prevention Awareness Month***  
***September 2019***

*WHEREAS*, the California Department of Education (CDE) has officially recognized September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, youth suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth between the ages of fifteen to twenty-four; and

*WHEREAS*, research shows 20 percent of kindergarten through twelfth grade students suffer from a mental health issue affecting relationships at home, in school, and in the community; and

*WHEREAS*, often these students suffer silently and may be quietly contemplating suicide; and

*WHEREAS*, youth suicide is a preventable public health problem, yet it occurs at progressively high levels in California and across the nation; and

*WHEREAS*, early detection of student mental health issues by trusted adults and referrals for appropriate mental health care can help save lives on school campuses across the state; and

*WHEREAS*, protecting the health and well-being of our students is an ethical responsibility of all professionals working on a school site along with families, students, and public agencies; and

*WHEREAS*, by working together, we can increase our awareness of the mental health issues that our students face and thus work collaboratively to reduce the number of student suicides; and

*WHEREAS*, on September 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, the Alameda Unified School District passed a resolution recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Alameda Unified School District recognizes September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month to call attention to the work we do to help youth and families.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the following votes this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mialisa Bonta, President  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California