

PROCLAMATION
Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
September

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 kindergarten through twelfth grade students suffer from mental health issues 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 25th 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 on this 27th day of August, 2024.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Jennifer Williams, 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