

CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020-21 Resolution No. 50

**Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
September**

Whereas, since 2008, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States for all ages and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (in this resolution referred to as "CDC"), on average there are 129 suicides per day, resulting in over 47,000 deaths each year in the United States;

Whereas, from 1999 through 2017, the age-adjusted suicide rate in the United States increased 33 percent from 10.5 to 14.0 per 100,000;

Whereas, according to the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey data released in 2018, almost half of all lesbian, gay, and bisexual students seriously consider attempting suicide, making them almost 4 times more likely to do so than their straight peers;

Whereas the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey found 40 percent of respondents had attempted suicide in their lifetime—nearly nine times the attempted suicide rate in the United States population at large;

Whereas it is estimated that there are over 1,300,000 suicide attempts each year in the United States, and The Trevor Project estimates that more than 1,800,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (in this resolution referred to as "LGBTQ+") youth seriously consider suicide each year;

Whereas suicide is preventable, as 9 out of 10 suicide attempt survivors do not go on to die by suicide;

Whereas, according to the CDC, suicide results in an estimated \$44,600,000,000 in combined medical and work-loss costs nationally;

Whereas the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide loss and people with lived experience of suicide; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Corona-Norco Unified School District joins in proclaiming and observing September as *Suicide Prevention Awareness Month*

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th day of September 2020 at a special meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Michael H. Lin, Ed.D., Superintendent
Secretary, Board of Education
Corona-Norco Unified School District