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RE: September = Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 3:36 PM

To: Annette Berry <aberry@gordoncounty.org>

September 1 meeting is great.

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Subject: Re: September = Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

From: Annette Berry <aberry@gordoncounty.org>

Date: Fri, August 14, 2015 2:16 pm

To: roberta@gordonconnection.org

Roberta, did you want this proclamation on the Board's agenda for their meeting next Tuesday, or for the meeting that is the 1st of September.

Let me know today if possible because I'm finalizing the agenda before 3:00 pm today.

Thanks-Annette

On Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 1:23 PM, <roberta@gordonconnection.org> wrote:

As I mentioned, attached is the proclamation the GCSPC would like to have read and then a photo for the newspaper.

Also, I have attached a poster and then employee check flyers we would like to have the county consider posting and/or printing flyers to add to checks.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions. Thank you!

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Gordon County Proclamation

This Proclamation recognizes suicide as a county-wide public health problem, and suicide prevention as a county responsibility, and designates September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Gordon County.

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths for all Americans, the 2nd leading cause of death for adults ages 25-34, and the 3rd leading cause of death for youth the ages of 15 to 24;

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of all deaths in the state of Georgia in 2002 with 900 dying and the third most common cause of death for Georgia youth ages 15 – 34;

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 12.8 minutes;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 5 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide);

WHEREAS, 51.5% of people who die by suicide use a firearm, with a rate 69 % of Georgia suicides involving a firearm, and guns stored in the house are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-protection;

WHEREAS, for every reported death by suicide, there are approximately 12 documented attempts of self-harm;

WHEREAS, public awareness of the warnings signs and the networks available for at-risk individuals, are essential to continue lowering the rates of suicide in the country, our state and our county;

WHEREAS, community organizations and grass-roots support are essential to continuing the fight against suicide and the loss of young lives; and

WHEREAS, reducing the stigma by discussing suicide and increasing the awareness of available resources for those suffering from suicidal thoughts is important to maintaining the health and happiness of Georgians;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that, I, Becky Hood, Board Chair of Gordon County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate September, 2015, as Suicide Prevention Month in Gordon County.

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Signature and Date