

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2020-151

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan; seconded by Deputy Mayor Roman that the following resolution be adopted:

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of September 6-12, 2020 is National Suicide Prevention Week, when millions of people around the world join their voices to share a message of hope and healing; and

WHEREAS, these observances are united in raising awareness that prevention is possible; treatment is effective; and people do recover; and

WHEREAS, in these challenging times messages of hope and healing are more needed than ever; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township of Verona should be able to access high quality prevention, support, rehabilitation, and treatment services that lead to recovery and a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, every day in the Township of Verona people enter treatment into behavioral health services and community supports and begin the road to wellness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, resiliency begins early in life within families, day cares, and schools, and can be strengthened and reinforced throughout the life span; and

WHEREAS, recovery and wellness encompass the whole individual, including mind, body, spirit, and community; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental health challenges, suicide attempts and loss, and substance abuse are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and our community at large; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we educate residents about suicide, mental health and substance abuse problems and the ways they affect all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives, friends, co-workers, and providers to recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Week and Recovery Month inspire millions of Americans to raise awareness, build resiliency, and find hope.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New, Jersey does hereby resolve September 6 through September 12, 2020 as Suicide Prevention and Recovery Week: "Finding Hope, Building Resiliency, Supporting Recovery".

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2020.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

