

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18-12
YELLOW RIBBON YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS/PREVENTION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 9-16, 2017**

WHEREAS, Youth suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, and is occurring at a national rate of over 5, 000 suicides annually; and

WHEREAS, California is one of the leading states for youth suicides with at least one youth suicide every week. Suicide kills youth 3 to 6 times more than homicide. Research shows that almost all youth suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, The issue of youth suicide and how to prevent it is of extreme importance and must be recognized as an immediate need for awareness and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Statistics show that awareness, education and action do save lives. Heightened community awareness will encourage communities to develop strategies to prevent youth suicides. Moreno Valley Unified School District is pleased to be at the forefront in leading these worthwhile efforts; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week encourages schools and community organizations to raise awareness about the issue of youth suicide and how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon Youth Awareness and Prevention Week is recognized by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers/hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents and especially youth themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Moreno Valley Unified School District joins in proclaiming and observing, Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 9-16, 2017, and urges all citizens to work to prevent youth suicide, and to raise awareness and tolerance around all people affected by this tragedy.


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