



**Resolution 2-23:
Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2022**

WHEREAS, the Woodland Joint Unified School District recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth, and supports actions in preventing suicidal ideation, attempts, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one person dies by suicide every 11 minutes, resulting in nearly 46,000 deaths each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 12th leading cause of death overall in the United States, the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-14 and 25-34, the third leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15-24, and the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 44; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable national, state, and local public health problem; and

WHEREAS, providing a safe and nurturing school environment ensures both the physical and emotional safety of students and staff and minimizes suicidal ideation; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to educate and encourage students, staff, and families to recognize the warning signs of suicide, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, the month of September is National Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month, which is a campaign in response to the need to raise awareness and provide schools and communities with an opportunity to educate students, parents, and others about their role in suicide prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Woodland Joint Unified School District hereby declares the month of September as "Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month," and commits to providing mental health supports to students who need it, and urges all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2022, by unanimous vote.


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT