



**Resolution 3-24:**

**Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2023**

**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 48,000 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, by unanimous vote.

  
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BOARD SECRETARY

  
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BOARD PRESIDENT