

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #17-211**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS  
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, suicide is a serious but preventable public health problem that can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death overall and the second leading cause of death among Americans aged 10 to 34; and

**WHEREAS**, most recent data shows that in New Jersey there are 8.8 self-inflicted deaths per 100,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, the best way to minimize risk of suicide is to learn about risk factors, recognize warning signs and take them seriously, and know how to respond to possibly save a life; and

**WHEREAS**, National Alliance on Mental Illness – Hunterdon Chapter (NAMI Hunterdon) is proud to partner with organizations like the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services and the Hunterdon County Mental Health Board to collaborate with other stakeholders, organizations and individuals to save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, local suicide prevention efforts including Hunterdon’s Stigma Free Task Force have been formed to raise awareness, eliminate stigma, promote suicide prevention as a public health issue and increase help-seeking behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, effective prevention strategies are needed to promote awareness of suicide while also promoting prevention, resilience, and a commitment to social change; and

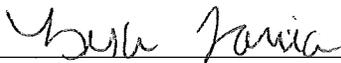
**WHEREAS**, NAMI Hunterdon invites all residents of Hunterdon County to become educated about suicide and participate in National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

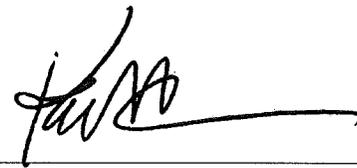
**WHEREAS**, every Hunterdon citizen can play a role in bringing mental illness out of the shadows, and every Hunterdon resident deserves a chance to succeed and has a right to achieve his or her God-given purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby recognizes September, 2017 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness month and calls upon the citizens of this great community to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies, and to take the NAMI Stigma-free Pledge to take action, know the signs, reach out and know that there is help and hope.

**ATTEST:**

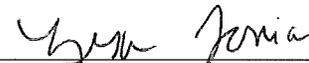
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

  
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Lisa Fania, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
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Karen Gilbert  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lisa Fania, Clerk of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on September 5, 2017.

  
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Lisa Fania, RMC  
Township Clerk