

**Proclamation Proclaiming
The Week of July 30 to August 5, 2017
as "Youth Suicide Prevention Week"**

WHEREAS, Hope for the Hurt is a developing organization working towards building awareness of critical issues that affect young people; and

WHEREAS, many young teens and adolescents currently struggle with suicide, substance abuse, depression, anxiety, self-harm, and bullying; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control in 2015 found that suicide is the second leading cause of death for individuals aged 10-24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is endemic to all regions of the world and all walks of life, and suicide accounted for 1.4% of all deaths worldwide, making it the 17th leading cause of death in 2015 and 2nd leading cause of death among ages 15-29 globally according to the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, without the awareness of the causes and how frequently suicides take place, the world will just continue to "brush it under the carpet"; and

WHEREAS; Hope for the Hurt will hold a day of awareness and prevention on July 29, 2017 on the grounds of Warren Hills Regional High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Klingel, Mayor of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey commend Hope for the Hurt for its plans to bring students together as a part of a club dedicated to raising awareness and funds for partnered non-profit organizations that address one or more of the critical issues of suicide, substance abuse, depression, anxiety, self-harm, and bullying through advocacy programs which will give students service opportunities, event planning experience, and leadership roles in the implementation of community school based programs.

Proclaimed this 18th day of July, 2017


Robert Klingel, Mayor

ATTEST:


Anna C. Godfrey, RMC
Township Clerk