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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Recognizing September 13-
19, 2026, as Suicide Prevention Week.

Resolution No. 2026 - 27 (FCBE)
Resolution No. 2026 - 52 (FCSS)

WHEREAS, the week of September 13th through 19th, 2026 is National Suicide Prevention Week, and September 2026 is National Suicide Prevention Month, a time in which individuals, organizations and communities around the country join their voices and efforts to amplify and lift up the message that suicide can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that people of all ages benefit from common tenets of wellness, such as access to effective health and behavioral health care, social-emotional support, and a sense of community and purpose; and

WHEREAS, attitudes and perceptions of behavioral health challenges and suicides have a significant impact on individual wellness and their willingness to reach out for support and services that can alleviate distress; and

WHEREAS, cultivating and maintaining wellness is a lifelong pursuit, and individuals of all ages can benefit from integrating wellness into their daily routine to prevent or reduce the severity of a broad range of health and behavioral health problems; and

WHEREAS, residents of Fresno County, through the Suicide Prevention Collaborative known as Fresno Cares, have come together since 2018 to work across sectors to develop plans, resources, and strategies that can promote wellness, awareness and to save lives; and

WHEREAS, knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to talk with someone that may be thinking of suicide, and reaching out to local resources like 9-8-8 are actions everyone can take to care for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, residents of Fresno County are urged to take action for suicide prevention and promote mental health and wellness as Fresno County strive towards zero suicides.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools hereby proclaims and recognizes on this 20th Day of August 2026, that the month of September 2026 be declared Suicide Prevention Month.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting on August 20, 2026, by the following votes:

President Marcy Masumoto:	Yes	☒	No	☐	Abstain	☐	Absent	☐
Vice President Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:	Yes	☒	No	☐	Abstain	☐	Absent	☐
Member Allen Clyde:	Yes	☒	No	☐	Abstain	☐	Absent	☐
Member Bryan Burton:	Yes	☒	No	☐	Abstain	☐	Absent	☐
Member Itzi Robles:	Yes	☒	No	☐	Abstain	☐	Absent	☐


 Marcy Masumoto, President

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:


 Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent

Date: 8/20/26

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By: 
 Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
 Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
 Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
 Fresno County Board of Education

Date: 8/20/26