

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

 Girls
STATE

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2 WHEREAS, peer educators meet once a month throughout school year through clubs,
3 assemblies, classrooms, and individually to inform and educate students on positive ways
4 to help and prevent suicide; and

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6 WHEREAS, survivors or family members affected by suicide will provide informative
7 information on how suicide affected their lives and provide helpful information for
8 prevention; and

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10 WHEREAS, schools will participate in a suicide prevention walk and talk marathon, where
11 students, peer educators, trained professionals, and trained therapists walk and talk to
12 students in need of communication, positive influences, in need of professional help; and

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14 WHEREAS, schools will have a 24 hour hotline that students in need could call or text to
15 seek help in a disturbing time in their life. Flyers to be posted around schools, offices,
16 libraries, bathrooms, nurses offices, lockers, and cafeterias or any place to obtain
17 resources in school; and

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19 WHEREAS, schools can provide peer tutoring with trained professionals once a week
20 during recess and during lunch to provide one on one communication for kids who may be
21 dealing with depression, anxiety, or any mental health issues when needing someone to
22 talk to; and

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24 WHEREAS, a final balloon release will be help at the end of the year for students and
25 teachers to remember those lost by suicide. As well as a board to be signed

1 by those students who pledge to help share the awareness and personally help those in
2 need of this major problem in our state; and

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN
5 LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE that it honor suicide and bring
6 awareness to the youth in the state of New Mexico; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Thursday, October 10, 2019 be declared, "Suicide
9 Prevention Awareness in School Day" at the senate; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to all schools in
12 New Mexico.