



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, suicide is a national public health challenge that causes immeasurable pain among individuals, families, and communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the number of Veteran and Military suicides has exceeded 6,000 each year from 2008-2017; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, 2nd for people ages 10-35, and on average, 129 Americans die by suicide each day accounting for 47,173 suicide deaths in 2017; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2019, the President signed Executive Order 13861 calling for the development of a comprehensive plan to empower Veterans and end suicide through coordinated suicide prevention efforts, prioritized research activities, and strengthened collaboration across the public and private sectors, and this plan is known as the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide or PREVENTS (the 'Roadmap'); and

WHEREAS, for every individual who feels alone, ashamed, or believes that they would be a burden if their thoughts or feelings were shared, there are scores of others in every community who want to help but are not sure how; and

WHEREAS, businesses across the Silver State are in the unique position to leverage the learnings from our employees, including Veterans, to encourage a national discussion surrounding mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, and collaborate on meaningful solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs has a Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families that brings together interagency teams to address Veteran suicide at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has demonstrated its commitment to end the tragedy of suicide among veterans and their families by actively participating in the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide, as well as four separate Mayors' Challenges to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families in Las Vegas, the Truckee Meadows, Elko and Winnemucca; and

WHEREAS, the PREVENTS national public health campaign REACH, will seek to increase awareness of mental health issues and suicide prevention to reduce suicide for all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim Nevada's full support for the implementation of the PREVENTS 'Roadmap' to help identify Veterans and other citizens in need of care; develop best practices around mental health; prioritize mental health in the workplace; and promote the REACH National Public Health Campaign.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 4th day of September 2020.

By the Governor:

Governor

Debra K. Cogan
Secretary of State

By

Scott W. Gudim
Deputy