

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Veteran’s Suicide Awareness Month - July

PRESENTER: Chris Kruse

ATTACHMENTS: YES
1. Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Mr. Chris Kruse has requested that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached Proclamation proclaiming July as Veteran’s Suicide Awareness Month.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Proclamation as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissioners adopts the Proclamation as presented, proclaiming July as Veteran’s Suicide Awareness Month.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING JULY AS VETERAN'S SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, United States military veteran suicide is an ongoing concern, with a higher rate of suicide among U.S. military veterans when compared to civilian adults; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Veterans accounted for 18% of all deaths from suicide among U.S. adults, while Veterans accounted for 8.5% of the U.S. population; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of 55 million veterans' records between 1979 and 2014 indicated that an average of 20 veterans a day die from suicide; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 an estimated 7,400 veterans of US military service died by suicide; and

WHEREAS, Combat veterans are not only more likely to have suicidal ideation, often associated with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression but they are more likely to act on a suicidal plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim July 2017 as "Veteran's Suicide Awareness Month" in Henderson County, and call upon citizens, government agencies, organizations, health care providers, and research institutions to raise awareness of the mental health resources and support services available in their communities and encourage all those in need to seek the care and treatment necessary for a long and healthy life.

This the 19th day of July, 2017.

J. Michael Edney, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board