

**RESOLUTION 70-15**

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3 Title: Suicide Prevention Awareness and Education  
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee D  
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
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14 Whereas, suicide is now the tenth leading cause of death in Michigan and the  
15 United States, and

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17 Whereas, more than 1,000 people have died by suicide in Michigan every year  
18 since 2000, and

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20 Whereas, Michigan's suicide rate continues to climb, is above the national  
21 average, and reached a 13-year high in 2013, and

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23 Whereas, one person dies by suicide every 7 hours in Michigan, and every 13  
24 minutes in the United States, and

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26 Whereas, suicide results in more than a million years of life lost annually in the  
27 United States and takes a severe toll on survivors, and

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29 Whereas, suicide affects every age group and segment of society, and

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31 Whereas, suicide is very often preventable with awareness, education, and  
32 intervention, and

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34 Whereas, health care providers in all specialties can play a critical role in  
35 identifying and helping patients and colleagues at risk for suicide; therefore be it

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37 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS support efforts to raise awareness about the rising rate  
38 and devastating toll of suicide; and be it further

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40 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS support suicide prevention education for all physicians,  
41 residents, medical students, and allied health professionals; and be it further

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43 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS encourage all physicians to be actively engaged in  
44 suicide prevention awareness with their patients and colleagues; and be it further

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46 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS support efforts to increase research associated with  
47 suicides as well as support efforts to reduce liability for those who provide suicide  
48 prevention care.  
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51 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None