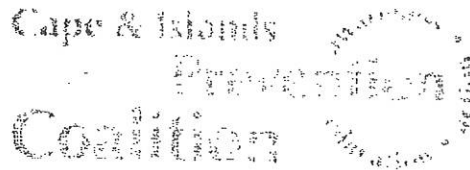


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Dear Board of Selectmen:

Each year, we lose more than thirty Cape & Island residents to suicide. For each of these suicide deaths, it is estimated more than thirty people are affected, six of them profoundly. Suicide is a public health issue in our communities; and it is preventable.

In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month, the Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition is once again seeking to have the week of September 8th -15th, 2019 named "Suicide Prevention Awareness Week" in all of the Cape and Islands towns.

We aim to recognize this painful and often hidden part of our communities, to demonstrate our commitment to suicide prevention, and to send a message of hope to those struggling, grieving, or affected in any way by suicide. We know that by decreasing the stigma that surrounds suicide, we increase the likelihood that someone will reach out for help.

Please accept this proclamation request for the selectman's agenda for an early September or late August meeting (Sample proclamation wording is attached) we appreciate your consideration for this request, and look forward to hearing from you.

The proclamation can be emailed to me at suicideprevention@capecoalition.com or mailed to me at: Cape and Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition, P.O. Box 119, Barnstable, MA 02630

Warm Regards,

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