

**TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 213  
OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

**RESOLUTION RE: SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board (“Board”) recognizes that suicide is the second leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults ages 10 to 34; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, Mental Health America reported that 15.08% of youth experienced a major depressive episode in the past year, a 1.24% increase from the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board supports actions at the local, state, and federal levels in preventing suicidal ideation, attempts, and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the early identification, intervention, and treatment of mental health and social & emotional issues is paramount for healthy school communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that youth suicide is a preventable public health problem, and schools are key to prevention, intervention, and postvention; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities, and schools must take a comprehensive, system-wide approach to solving the mental health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex mental health needs of Tempe Union’s students today is fundamental to the future of Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, September has been recognized as National Suicide Prevention Month, September 10-16, 2023, is recognized across the United States as National Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate our community about warning signs and how best to address those in need and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Tempe Union High School District No. 213 hereby declares the month of September 2023 as “Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month” in Tempe Union.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Tempe Union High School District No. 213 of Maricopa County, Arizona, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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BY:



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