

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20040270**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present Suicide Prevention Day Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 3

COMMISSION DISTRICT: CW

9:30 #1

3. MEETING DATE:

03-23-2004

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Janes
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION

BY: *Janes*
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7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



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The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS: There are currently more than 30,000 suicides annually. In Lee County, there were 79 suicides in 2003; and
- WHEREAS: Suicide ranks third as a cause of death among young (15-24) Americans behind accidents and homicide; and
- WHEREAS: The devastation of suicide has consumed families statewide and remains a serious health problem; and
- WHEREAS: Suicide is one of the most devastating and tragic events a family and a community can experience. The stigma associated with mental illness works against suicide prevention. One in six Americans suffers from depression and yet this illness remains hidden. This stigma associated with suicide further traumatizes those people who lose a loved one by suicide; and
- WHEREAS: Raising awareness in the community about the significance of mental illness and the importance of promoting treatment and education can save lives; and
- WHEREAS: As integrated approach to lowering the state's current suicide rate by one third by 2010 has been implemented; and
- WHEREAS: Key resources, such as mounting public information campaigns, specialty training for caregivers and community leaders, and developing responsive health care system are being established to meet the goal of lowering Florida's suicide rate; and
- WHEREAS: Governor Bush has proclaimed March 23, 2004, Suicide Prevention Day in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby proclaim March 23, 2004, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

in Lee County and invite all our citizens to join us in becoming aware, reducing the stigma, and working to prevent suicide.

Duly Executed this 23rd day of March 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Chairman