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NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK AND WALK IN MEMORY, WALK FOR HOPE
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Communities Connecting to Prevent Suicide

Reno, NV--Suicide Prevention Week for 2014 is set for September 8th through 14th to raise awareness of the problem of suicide. Nevada is ranked 6th in the nation in its rate of suicide deaths and it is the 2nd leading cause of death among 10 to 34-year-olds in our state.

Suicide is also the 6th leading cause of death in Nevada and the 10th leading cause of death in the United States with one suicide occurring on average every 13.3 minutes.

Approximately 987,950 Americans attempt suicide each year. It is estimated that five million living Americans have attempted to kill themselves. Every year more than 19,500 men and women kill themselves with a gun in this country; two-thirds more than the number who use a gun to kill another person.

The 8th Annual "Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope" will take place on September 13, 2014, in 12 different communities across the state. The goal of the event is to increase awareness of the devastating effects suicide has on our nation and state, and to remember those who have been lost to suicide. The event is sponsored by the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention and supported the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention and the various community coalitions.

If you would like more information about these events, register on-line, or download a printable registration form go to www.nvsuicideprevention.org. You will also be able to register for the walks in-person opening at 8am at most events.

For more information on suicide prevention, including information on learning the signs of suicidal behavior go to www.nvsuicideprevention.org. If you or someone you know is in crisis, you may call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). To organize a Walk in your community or to take part in one of the walks, contact the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention in Northern Nevada at (775) 688-2964 ext 261, or in Southern Nevada at (702) 486-8225.

For more information about the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, go to:
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