

Public Law 99-324  
99th Congress

## Joint Resolution

May 27, 1986  
[S.J. Res. 266]

To authorize and request the President to designate the month of June 1986 as  
"Youth Suicide Prevention Month".

Whereas the youth of society represent the hope for the future;  
Whereas the rate of youth suicide has increased more than threefold  
in the last two decades;

Whereas over five thousand young Americans took their lives last  
year, many more attempted suicide, and countless families were  
affected;

Whereas youth suicide is a phenomenon which must be addressed by  
a concerned society; and

Whereas youth suicide is a national problem which can only be  
solved through the combined efforts of individuals, families,  
communities, organizations, and government to educate society:  
Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United  
States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of June  
1986 is designated as "Youth Suicide Prevention Month" and the  
President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation call-  
ing upon the Governors of the several States, the chief officials of  
local governments, and the people of the United States to observe  
such month with appropriate programs and activities.*

Approved May 27, 1986.

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