

1 [Firearm Suicide Prevention Day - September 12, 2023]

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3 **Resolution retroactively recognizing September 12, 2023, to be Firearm Suicide**
4 **Prevention Day in remembrance of the lives lost to firearm suicide, acknowledgement**
5 **of the individuals, families, and communities who have been impacted, and to spread**
6 **awareness about the growing firearm suicide crisis.**

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8 WHEREAS, On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, National Firearm Suicide
9 Prevention day was established by Brady and End Family Fire; and

10 WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety reports that access to a firearm triples
11 one's risk of death by suicide, a risk that extends to all individuals in a household, not
12 solely the gun owner; and

13 WHEREAS, Firearm suicide represents a preventable public health crisis that
14 can be addressed through meaningful legislation from our local, state, and federal levels
15 of government; and

16 WHEREAS, Implementing and enforcing safe storage and extreme risk
17 protection laws plays a vital role in reducing the incidence of gun violence, including
18 firearm suicides; and

19 WHEREAS, One study reveals that households securing both firearms and
20 ammunition witness a 78 percent reduction in self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85
21 percent decrease in unintentional firearm injuries among youth, compared to those who
22 secure neither; and

23 WHERAS, According to the National Library of Medicine, while 8.5 percent of
24 suicidal acts result in fatality nationwide, this statistic surges to an alarming 89.6 percent
25 mortality rate when a firearm is involved; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pew Research Center reports that suicides have consistently
2 accounted for more than half of the gun-related deaths in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Globally, the U.S. ranks second in firearm-related suicides, with over
4 44 percent of such suicides occurring within its borders in 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has seen a rise in gun suicide rates across
6 various racial groups, disproportionately affecting young Black, Indigenous, and people
7 of color (BIPOC); and

8 WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, End Family Fire,
9 and Brady have tirelessly researched, advocated, litigated, and organized for more than
10 a decade to combat gun violence across the U.S., including gun suicides; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby solemnly
13 designates September 12th to be Firearm Suicide Prevention Day, with the intention of
14 amplifying advocacy and illuminating an issue often veiled in stigma; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
16 commends and supports the unwavering efforts of Moms Demand Action, Brady, End
17 Family Fire, and Everytown for Gun Safety in their quest to address this pressing crisis;
18 and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
20 urges individuals to stay informed, stay active, and spread awareness thereby
21 contributing to the cessation of firearm suicides.

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