

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
CARPINTERIA CITY COUNCIL
PROCLAIMING MARCH 18, 2013 AND
EVERY DAY FOLLOWING AS "SUICIDE
PREVENTION DAY" IN THE CITY OF
CARPINTERIA**

WHEREAS, the Proclamation recognizes suicide as a public health problem, and suicide prevention as a community responsibility, and designates and proclaims every day from March 18, 2013 forward to be known as "Suicide Prevention Day." This is in support and recognition of the need to address issues of depression and suicide.

WHEREAS, the City of Carpinteria, HopeNet and mental health experts are firmly convinced, that regardless of how daunting the following statistics may be, that suicide is preventable through awareness, education, support and treatment.

WHEREAS, worldwide there are more deaths by suicide than by homicide and war combined; and

WHEREAS, in the United States in 2010, one person committed suicide every 13.7 minutes, 38,364 people died by suicide, and there were 959,000 suicide attempts.

WHEREAS, one in every 65 Americans in the United States has lost a loved one to suicide.

WHEREAS, 50.5% of all people who die by suicide use firearms.

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States.

WHEREAS, locally in Santa Barbara County suicide took 44 lives in 2010; 51 lives in 2012, two of those in the City of Carpinteria, and 4 lives in the first two months of 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Bradley Stein, Mayor, on behalf of the City of Carpinteria, do hereby proclaim that March 18, 2013, and every day following shall be known as "Suicide Prevention Day" in the City of Carpinteria.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Carpinteria, California, to be affixed this 11th day of March 2013.

Mayor, City of Carpinteria

ATTEST:

City Clerk, City of Carpinteria