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A BILL TO: Encourage Grand Valley State University to Print the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Contact Information on Student Identification Cards.

Recognizing, that “we, as members of Grand Valley State University’s Student Senate, dedicate ourselves to cultivating a student body that is engaged, healthy, and empowered”¹; and

Recognizing, that Grand Valley State University has approved the Reach Higher 2025 plan which cites intentions to “improve lives and strengthen communities”²; and

Recognizing, that in order to maintain a healthy student body, and further strengthen our community, we must protect the lives and wellbeing of Grand Valley students; and

Recognizing, that the Grand Valley Police Department has received thirty-eight reports of intended suicide in the last five years³; and

Recognizing, that the Grand Valley Police Department has recieved sixty-four reports of suicide ideation in the last five years⁴; and

Recognizing, that the Grand Valley Police Department has received twenty-eight reports of attempted suicide in the last five years⁵; and

Recognizing, that the Grand Valley Police Department has recieved two reports of suicide in the last five years⁶; and

¹ <https://www.gvsu.edu/studentsenate/>

² <https://www.gvsu.edu/reachhigher2025/>

³ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a14IK7npCgul8c1-AuA3xpGrXpmELybHZjDNKiwfRNA/edit?usp=sharing>

⁴ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a14IK7npCgul8c1-AuA3xpGrXpmELybHZjDNKiwfRNA/edit?usp=sharing>

⁵ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a14IK7npCgul8c1-AuA3xpGrXpmELybHZjDNKiwfRNA/edit?usp=sharing>

⁶ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a14IK7npCgul8c1-AuA3xpGrXpmELybHZjDNKiwfRNA/edit?usp=sharing>

Recognizing, that Ottawa County saw an upward trend in death by suicide between 2010 and 2020, with 2020 reaching the highest number of suicide in 10 years⁷; and

Recognizing, that the 2017 Ottawa County Youth Assessment Survey reported, five students in a classroom of twenty-five have seriously thought about taking their own life, and two of the five students made one or more attempts⁸; and

Recognizing, that Michigan passed a bill requiring grades sixth through twelfth to print the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on student identification cards⁹; and

Recognizing, Arizona and Illinois passed a bill requiring the Suicide Prevention Lifeline contact information on all student identification cards for grades seventh through twelfth and college students¹⁰; and

Recognizing, “suicide is the third leading cause of death among students 15-24 years old”, college campuses fail to match the need for preventative measures for students¹¹; and

Recognizing, According to the CDC, between 2007 and 2018, the national suicide rate among people aged 10-24 increased 57 percent¹²; and

Whereas, Grand Valley Student Senate recognizes the severity and alarming nature of the data provided by the Grand Valley Police Department and suggests that additional countermeasures must be taken; and

Recognizing, that placing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on Student Identification cards is an effective way to promote a healthy student body, and further strengthen our community through the protection of students’ lives; and

Recognizing, that 12% of suicidal callers said that talking to someone at Lifeline prevented them from harming or killing themselves, 50% followed through with a counselor's referral to seek services, and about 80% said that Lifeline had something to do with keeping them alive¹³; and

Whereas, Student Senate believes that printing the Suicide Prevention Lifeline contact information on the back of student identification cards will reduce the number of suicide attempts, ideation, intent and completed suicides within the Grand Valley community; and

⁷ <https://www.miottawa.org/health/ochd/pdf/data/Special/2021-Death-by-Suicide.pdf>

⁸ https://www.miottawa.org/health/ochd/pdf/data/Special/XTeen_Suicide_2018.pdf

⁹ <https://www.wlns.com/news/michigan-student-ids-provide-suicide-prevention-resource/>

¹⁰ <https://nypost.com/2021/08/12/suicide-prevention-lifeline-will-be-printed-on-student-id-cards-in-several-states/>

¹¹ <https://www.govst.edu/suicide-prevention/>

¹² <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr69/nvsr-69-11-508.pdf>

¹³ <https://www.healthyplace.com/suicide/how-does-a-suicide-prevention-hotline-prevent-suicide>

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate, acting on behalf of the student body, recommend that by the 2022-2023 New Student Advising and Registration, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline contact information be printed on student identification cards to provide additional access to mental health resources; and

Furthermore, Let It Be Resolved, that in the case that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline contact information changes, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate require that student identification cards are altered to reflect this change.

Appendix A: Resolution 2022-006 from the USG Conference



The 2022 United Student Government of Michigan Conference

Resolution 2022-010

Adopted by the United Student Government of Michigan on XX/XX/XXXX

Sponsoring Session: **21st Century Mental Health Legislative Session**

A Resolution to Require Michigan Universities to Print the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Onto Student Identification Cards

NOTING, “suicide is the third leading cause of death among students 15-24 years old”, college campuses fail to match the need for preventative measures for students; AND,

WHEREAS, the state of Michigan passed a bill requiring grades sixth through twelfth to print the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on student identification cards; AND,

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, between 2007 and 2018, the national suicide rate among people aged 10-24 increased 57 percent; AND,

WHEREAS, Arizona and Illinois passed a bill to require the sph number on all student IDs for grades 7th through 12th and college students; AND THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY,

RESOLVED, universities in the state will be required to print the Suicide Prevention Lifeline contact information on student identification cards. In the event that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline changes during July 2022, that change will be reflected on student IDs.

Adopted by the United Student Government of Michigan on XX/XX/XXXX

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