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September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

By Rep Joe Emrick

Suicide claims the lives of over 2,000 Pennsylvanians each year. That's an average of five lives lost EACH DAY.

Nationwide, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death, with one suicide occurring every 11.1 minutes. There are more than 1 million suicide attempts each year. This tragedy affects ALL ages, races, genders, sexuality, denominations, incomes and educational levels. It can affect anyone and everyone.



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Month, a time to remember and honor those lost to suicide, as well as support suicide attempt survivors and all who experience suicidal ideation, mental health challenges and crisis every day.

It is important to remember help is available. Just dial 988 to connect with the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

To learn more about suicide risks and how to help someone in crisis, visit preventsuicidepa.org.



Colonial Cafe 71

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Last week, I was proud to attend the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Colonial Cafe, located at Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 in Easton! Colonial Cafe 71 is a full-service coffee shop operated by students with special needs that promotes independence and supports skill building for future employment opportunities.

I'm pictured with Executive Director Dr. Chris Wolfel, Director of Special Education Kasey Kinney and Rep. Milou Mackenzie (left) as well as some students who will be working at the new coffee shop (right).





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