

Proclamation

Yellow Ribbon Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week September 7-13, 2014

WHEREAS, youth suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, and is occurring at a national rate of over 5,000 suicides annually; and

WHEREAS, youth suicide is the "fastest growing killer of youth today"; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is one of the leading states for youth suicides with at least one youth suicide every week. Suicide kills youth 3 to 6 times more than homicide. Research shows that almost all youth suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, the issue of youth suicide and how to prevent it is of extreme importance and must be recognized as an immediate need for awareness and prevention; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that awareness, education and action do save lives. Heightened community awareness will encourage communities to develop strategies to prevent youth suicides. Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education, is pleased to be at the forefront in leading these worthwhile efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon is rapidly becoming recognized internationally as the symbol for the awareness and prevention of Youth suicide. It is recognized and used by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers/hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents and especially youth themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Board of Education does hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2014 as Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, and urges all citizens to work to prevent youth suicide, wear a yellow ribbon and to raise awareness and tolerance around all people affected by this tragedy.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of August 20, 2014.