

July 24, 2017

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Chilmark  
P.O. Box 119  
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Chilmark, MA 02535-0119

Dear Board Members:

On September 7, 2017, Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands will be celebrating its 40 years of service in our community with an event at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center. In those 40 years, our organization has grown, supports have been added, and changes have been made to adapt to our changing world. While suicide unfortunately remains a public health concern, we are very proud of the work we have done to reduce the numbers of those lost and to assuage the pain that so many deal with on a day-to-day basis, including:

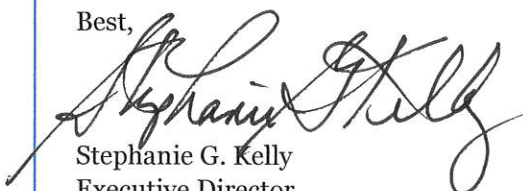
- training over 885 volunteers;
- answering over 630,000 incoming calls to the Crisis Lines
- making over 5,700 outgoing calls to seniors through the Senior Outreach program;
- sending over 375 Care Packages to survivors who have lost someone to suicide;
- facilitating over 375 support groups for survivors who have lost someone to suicide;
- presenting over 700 speaking engagements.

While our organization has changed during the last 40 years, there is one thing that has remained the same – our dedication to supporting those who feel isolated and lonely, those dealing with mental health issues, and those who are feeling suicidal.

On behalf of our organization, I hope that the Chilmark Board of Selectmen will accept this proclamation request for inclusion on your agenda in late August. If approved by the Board, I would be honored to attend the meeting to accept on behalf of the Samaritans, or in the alternative, the proclamation can be emailed to me at [ccsamaritans@verizon.net](mailto:ccsamaritans@verizon.net) or by regular mail to P.O. Box 65, Falmouth, MA 02541.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to hearing from you.

Best,



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Executive Director

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# Proclamation

WHEREAS, FOR 40 YEARS SAMARITANS ON CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS HAS STRIVED TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE OF SUICIDE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY BY ASSISTING THOSE WHO ARE LONELY, ALIENATED, AND DEPRESSED, THROUGH:

- COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS
- CONFIDENTIAL AND ANONYMOUS CRISIS LINE RESPONSE
  - CONFIDENTIAL OUTREACH CALL PROGRAMS; AND
- CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUPS AND MATERIALS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

THEREFORE, WE DO HEREBY OFFICIALLY DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 AS  
**"SAMARITANS ON CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS DAY"**  
IN THE TOWN OF CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF CHILMARK, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE