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Parish President Proclaimed September 2015 as Suicide Prevention Month in Ascension Parish

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PHOTO CUTLINE – Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez proclaimed September 2015 as “Suicide Prevention Month in Ascension Parish.” President Martinez read the proclamation at the Parish Council meeting in Gonzales on Aug. 20 and presented it to Executive Director Suzanne Hamilton and Dawnyelle Bennett with the Ascension Counseling Center. Hamilton said on average there are five completed suicides in Ascension Parish every year. Overall it is estimated that for each adult who died from suicide, there are 20 others who made suicide attempts. Statistics show suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in Louisiana. Hamilton said the Ascension Counseling Center is here to help the residents of Ascension Parish who may be suffering from depression and are considering suicide. Those seeking counseling may contact Sarah Cuti, intake coordinator at Ascension Counseling Center at 225-450-1158. The center is located at 1112-A So. E. Ascension Complex in Gonzales. Also, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Shown from left to right are: Ascension Counseling Center Director Suzanne Hamilton, Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez and Dawnyelle Bennett.



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