

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, a time when millions of people around the world join their voices to raise awareness of suicide prevention, treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, this is a time that is dedicated to bringing visibility to the role everyone in the community can play in preventing suicide and to encourage all community members to know the signs, find the words, and reach out to someone they are concerned about; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages 10 and 34 with more than 48,000 people dying by suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all citizens are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Suicide Prevention Task Force is a multi-disciplinary collaborative, combining representatives from government, education, community-based service providers, and community members providing training, activities, and education throughout Tulare County to increase awareness of the signs and symptoms of suicide risk as well as prevention and early intervention best practices.

WHEREAS, September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day, which has been recognized internationally and is supported by the World Health Organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Tulare, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as

Suicide Prevention Month

in the City of Tulare and encourage all citizens of Tulare to learn more about suicide prevention and awareness.

Dated this 5th day of September 2023.

Jury a Sayre Terry A. Sayre, Mayor

Patrick Isherwood, Vice Mayor

Jose Sigala, Councilmember

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