

Proclamation

by the

Mayor of the City of Denton, Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Greetings:

WHEREAS,

Addressing the prevention of suicide among children, youth, and adults today is fundamental to the future of the City of Denton. Citizens of Denton value the overall health and the lives of their families and fellow citizens, and are proud to support observances such as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS,

suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for ages 10-19, the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 20-34, the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44, and suicide is responsible for 1/3 of all deaths ages 55 and older; and

WHEREAS,

there is an average of 130 suicide deaths per day in the US; 10% of adults experience suicidal thoughts in the US; and nearly 1-in-5 Texas high school students reported seriously thinking about suicide, 15% made a plan to commit suicide, and 10% made an attempt; and

WHEREAS,

the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health and suicide prevention services for our community is a critical responsibility. There is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to work through challenges, and to protect their overall health and well-being. Each citizen, local business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, and faith-based organization share the weight of suicide concerns, and have a responsibility to promote mental wellness, recovery, and support prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS,

the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team, Denton County MHMR Center, Denton County Zero Suicide Task Force, and Denton County Suicide Prevention Coalition are effectively addressing the mental health and suicide prevention needs of children, youth, adults, and families in our community; and it is appropriate that a month should be set aside each year for the direction of our thoughts towards suicide prevention education and the support of treatment and recovery; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor of the City of Denton, Texas, do hereby declare and proclaim the month of September 2022 as

"SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Denton, and call upon all citizens, agencies, and organizations interested in helping to prevent suicide this month to join together by spreading awareness, by learning the steps our citizens can take to help prevent suicide, and by recognizing the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people experiencing suicidal thoughts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Denton, Texas to be affixed this the month of September 2022.




GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ROSA RIOS, CITY SECRETARY

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