

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AS “SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH” IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, in our country, suicide is the third leading cause of death among teenagers; (CDC 2007) and the tenth leading cause for adults (CDC 2013); and

WHEREAS, nationally, one out of every 53 high school students (1.9 percent) reported having made a suicide attempt that was serious enough to be treated by a doctor or a nurse; (CDC 2010) and 3.9 percent of adults made a serious attempt (CDC 2015); and

WHEREAS, maintaining a safe and supportive community is consistent with Summit County Government’s overarching goals, and suicide prevention is consistent with many other efforts to protect the safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, a person’s mental health can affect their performance; depression and other mental health issues can interfere with a person’s ability to thrive in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, a suicide can significantly impact other youth, families and community members; and

WHEREAS, “Building Hope, Summit County”, a community coalition comprised of representatives from Summit School District, behavioral health organizations, county agencies, law enforcement, non-profit organizations and the community at large, is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, and the pain for those affected by suicide deaths, through educational programs, youth prevention programs and intervention services, has identified September 2020 as SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH and recognizes:

- Suicide as a significant public health problem in Colorado and Summit County; and
- The need to ensure accessible behavioral health services for all children, youth, individuals and families in Summit County, and implementing best practices in reducing suicide risk for citizens of all ages and backgrounds; and
- Suicide prevention is a broad community problem in need of a broad community solution that includes public awareness and focused prevention programming at all levels in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, Summit County continues to be impacted by suicide and strives to prevent another loss of a person’s life by:

- Establishing and communicating protocols for helping people at risk of suicide;
- Establishing protocols for responding to suicide death;

- Providing education and training for the prevention of suicide;
- Offering opportunities for people to learn about suicide prevention;
- Delivering evidence-based suicide prevention strategies to the community; and
- Promoting greater resident awareness regarding available crisis intervention services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SUMMIT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOES HEREBY JOIN THE HEALTHY FUTURES INITIATIVE AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2020 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH.

APPROVED ON THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Thomas C. Davidson
Chair

Karn Stiegelmeier
Commissioner

Elisabeth Lawrence
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathleen Neel, Clerk & Recorder