



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION
AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is known around the United States as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness; and

WHEREAS, suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background, and according to the CDC, in 2019 more than 47,500 people died by suicide or about 1 death every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24, and is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US with over 1.4 million adults attempting suicide in 2019; and

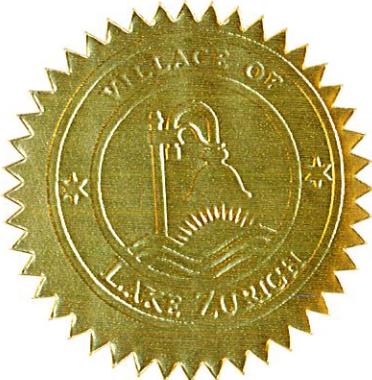
WHEREAS, local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the well-being of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate.

We can all help prevent suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Zurich, Lake County, Illinois, in recognition of this event I do hereby proclaim the month of September as SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH.

Dated this 6th day of September 2021.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Poynton".

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich