



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION
AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is known around the United States as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month as there is an average of 123 suicides each day in this country; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, over 48,000 Americans ages 10 and older died by suicide, making it one of the country's top 10 causes of death; and

WHEREAS, national suicide rates have increased significantly since 1999, with nearly every state recording increases of more than 25% since then; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this terrifying problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life, as the highest risk for suicide is among the survivors of those who died by suicide or those who have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness 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.

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 2022.



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