



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2018 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, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; 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; and

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.



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

  
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Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich