

RESOLUTION NO. 200701

Declaring the month of September 2020 to be National Suicide Prevention Month in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Month is a time to bring awareness to mental health and suicide in the community and reaffirm our commitment to preventing suicide by promoting resources and fostering conversation; and

WHEREAS, September marks the time to recognize the hard work that mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies and mental health professionals do to save lives. Whether it be a physician, teacher, counselor, family member, friend or faith leader, trusted confidants work tirelessly to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is an issue that touches the life of every person at some point. Therefore, we all have an obligation to learn about suicide prevention and share resources of the signals and signs of suicide so that we may identify and offer support before it is too late; and

WHEREAS, in September we grieve alongside the families of those that we have lost to suicide and renew our commitment to do better. Suicide and mental illness can often be indicative of the failures of our society to support struggling populations. September reminds us of the opportunities we have to improve mental health resources; and

WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th reminds us the precious value of human life; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare the month of September 2020 to be "National Suicide Prevention Month" in Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - Headquarters Counseling Center, Speak Up and Kansas City Police Department Social Workers with the Mayor and Council encouraging all citizens of Kansas City to take part in National Suicide Prevention Month by promoting the education and prevention of suicide.



Authenticated as Passed


Quinton Lucas, Mayor


Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

AUG 27 2020

Date Passed