

Proclamation

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2019 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS,

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is intended to promote and give attention to the suicide prevention services available to us and our community, and to encourage all to speak openly about the topic of suicide to help erase stigma surrounding it, and to direct those in need to the appropriate support services; and,

WHEREAS,

In the United States, there were over 47,000 deaths by suicide during 2017, and suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and,

WHEREAS,

1,175 Coloradoans died by suicide in 2017, and suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 15 to 44 year-olds, and the 4th leading cause of death for people aged 45 to 54 in Colorado; and,

WHEREAS,

Suicide crosses all economic, social, and geographic boundaries and causes suffering, grieving, and pain that affects families, schools, and communities; and,

WHEREAS,

Many of those people who died never received effective behavioral health services, for many reasons including the stigma of seeking mental health treatments and the stigma associated with losing a loved one to suicide; and,

WHEREAS,

It is necessary to regard suicide as a major public health problem and to support awareness, educational programs and behavioral health services to prevent suicides.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Ouray proclaims September 2019 as

"SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"

And calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, business and schools in Ouray County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of the many reasons why suicide occurs in our community, the steps our citizens can take to help their fellow citizens who are considering suicide, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people who are living with mental health challenges.

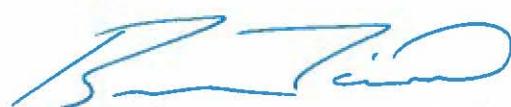
Adopted this 10th day of September 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

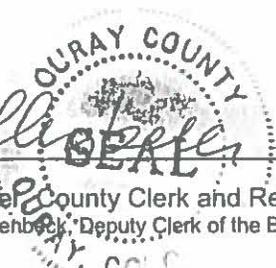
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