

Town of Huntersville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 12.3 minutes, resulting in more than 44,000 suicides each year (Centers for Disease Control; 2015 data); and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over 1.1 million suicide attempts each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, North Carolina experienced 1,406 deaths by suicide; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, suicide results in an estimated \$51 billion in combined medical and work loss costs nationally (Centers for Disease Control; 2015 data); and

WHEREAS, suicide results in an estimated \$1.39 million in combined medical and work loss costs in North Carolina annually (Centers for Disease Control; 2015 data); and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide loss and people with lived experience of suicide; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention envision a world without suicide, and are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research, education, advocacy and resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Aneralla, Mayor of Huntersville, do hereby proclaim September 10-16, 2017 as ***National Suicide Prevention Week*** in Huntersville and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town of Huntersville to be affixed, this the 6th day of September, 2017.