

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION
SEPTEMBER 2022**

- WHEREAS,** September is known globally as **Suicide Prevention Month**; and
- WHEREAS,** **National Suicide Prevention** was created to raise the visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among adults, and the 12th leading cause of death overall in the US; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 45,000 people died by suicide across the United States in 2020, with an average of 130 suicides completed daily; and
- WHEREAS,** each and every suicide directly impacts a minimum of 100 additional people, including family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and community members; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of College Park places its full support behind those who work in the fields of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS,** global organizations like **Hope For The Day (HFTD)** and our own **Youth, Family and Senior Services Department** serve on the front lines of a war that many still refuse to discuss, as stigma regarding suicide and mental health issues is far too prevalent; and
- WHEREAS,** we encourage residents to visit **Hope For The Day** to find helpful resources: <https://www.hftd.org/nspamp>.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that the month of September 2022 is designated as **National Suicide Prevention Month** in the City of College Park. We urge all residents to take the time to understand the importance of mental health education and recognize that taking care of ourselves and others includes taking care of our mental health.

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 13th **DAY OF** SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor
City of College Park, Maryland