BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO

A RESOLUTION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Resolution , Series 2024

WHEREAS, this Proclamation recognizes suicide as a national and statewide public health problem, and suicide prevention as a national and statewide responsibility, and designates September 2024 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Hinsdale County; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness has determined suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States, the 2nd leading cause of death among children and teens ages 10-14 and the 3rd leading cause of death among people aged 15-24; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 49,476 people died by suicide in 2023 in the United States, equivalent to one death every 11 minutes, and it is estimated that in 2023, 1.6 million adults attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, in 2023 Colorado had the 10th highest suicide rate of states in the United States with 1,293 people dying by suicide; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, more than 90 percent of the people who die by suicide have experienced symptoms of a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition was not recognized or treated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners of Hinsdale County, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Hinsdale County, Colorado.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner <u>Levine</u>, seconded by Commissioner Hurd, and adopted on this 4th day of September 2024.

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