

JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH IN SALT LAKE CITY

WHEREAS, *September is known nationally as “Suicide Prevention Month;” and*

WHEREAS, *according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 9th leading cause of death among adults in Utah, and the leading cause of death for Utahns aged 10 – 24 years old; and*

WHEREAS, *also according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Utah averages 651 suicides per year; and*

WHEREAS, *on average, more than 48,000 lives are lost from suicide in the United States each year, which averages to about 132 suicides per day; and*

WHEREAS, *every life lost directly affects the victim’s family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and community; and*

WHEREAS, *mental health and suicide prevention services are accessible and available through the Salt Lake County Health Department by calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to be connected to a skilled, trained counselor at a crisis center in your area, anytime, 24/7; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City values those who work daily to help better the lives of others through their professions in mental health care, education, emergency services, and many more.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City recognize the month of September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Month in Salt Lake City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

Salt Lake City encourages all residents to familiarize themselves with mental health education and treatment resources and recognize how a healthy mind can help us better care for ourselves, our families, and our communities.

Adopted this _____ day of September, 2023

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