

PROCLAMATION

HOPE FOR THE DAY'S 2021 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION + ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION - SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, September is known globally as “Suicide Prevention Month,” the National Suicide Prevention + Action Month Proclamation was created to raise the visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our community. The goal is to continue the conversation about mental health and the impact of suicide to help destigmatize the conversation and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults, and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 48,000 people died by suicide across the United States in 2018, with an average of 132 suicides 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 Village of Oak Park publicly places its full support behind those who work in the fields of mental health, education, and community safety; and

WHEREAS, global organizations like Hope for The Day and the Village’s local mental health partners, NAMI Metro Suburban, Thrive Counseling Center, and so many more, serve on the front lines of a public health crisis that many still refuse to discuss, as stigma regarding suicide and mental health issues are far too prevalent; and

WHEREAS, we encourage 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 mental health.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021, as “**National Suicide Prevention + Action Month**”, in the Village of Oak Park.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk