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PROCLAMATION

Suicide Prevention Month - September 2018



Whereas, in the United States, on average, one person dies by suicide every 8.6 minutes; there were 44,965 suicide deaths in 2016; and suicide is the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages; and

Whereas, men die by suicide 3.53 times more often than women; women attempt suicide 3 times more often than men; and for every completed suicide there are an estimated 25 attempted suicides; and

Whereas, each person's death by suicide intimately affects minimally six other people; there are over 200,000 newly bereaved each year; in Arizona, 1,271 Arizonans died by suicide in 2016 and an average of one person dies by suicide every 7 hours--approximately 7,600 friends and family members were changed forever by losing those people; and

Whereas, Yavapai County's per capita suicide rate is the highest in Arizona, impacting both urban and rural communities; in 2017, at least 101 Yavapai County citizens ended their life by suicide; in Yavapai County, 66.7% of the deaths by suicide involved the use of a firearm, 15.7% points above the national average; and approximately 1,950 people attempted to die by suicide in 2017; and

Whereas, one citizen of Chino Valley and one from Paulden died by suicide in 2017, negatively impacting their family, friends and community; and

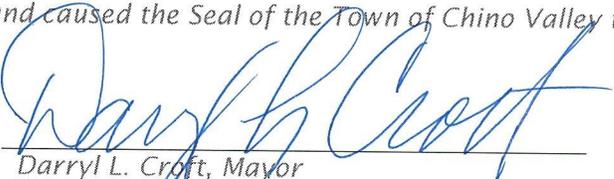
Whereas, many of the people who died by suicide may not have received effective behavioral health services for many reasons, including the difficulty of accessing services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, the stigma of using behavioral health treatment, and the stigma associated with losing a loved one to suicide; and

Whereas, those who have lost a loved one to suicide and those who survived and attempted suicide need support and understanding as they grieve but too often are unable to receive treatment and recovery services; and

Whereas, the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yavapai County is comprised of representatives of behavioral health organizations, law enforcement agencies, faith communities, health coalitions and citizen advocates who are all dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and suicide deaths, and the pain for those affected by suicide deaths, through providing resources, education and support;

Now, Therefore, I, Darryl Croft, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, on behalf of the Chino Valley Town Council, do hereby designate September as "Suicide Prevention Month" in Chino Valley and urge everyone to learn how they can help because suicide prevention is everyone's business.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this *11th* day of *September*, 2018.


Darryl L. Croft, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk