

## Declaring September as Suicide Prevention Month in Hanover Township

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the month of September is hailed by mental health advocates, survivors, and prevention organizations as National Suicide Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, suicidal attempts and thoughts are a public health issue affecting many Americans and having a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, by drawing attention to the issue of suicide in the United States, this may reduce the stigma surrounding the topic, as well as encourage the pursuit of mental health assistance and support people who have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 suicide was among the top nine leading causes of death for people ages 10 to 64 and the second leading cause of death for people ages 10 to 14 and 25 to 34, according to the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics, with nearly 46,000 persons dying by suicide in 2020, one death every eleven minutes.

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to educating the public about suicide prevention and the availability of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Youth & Family Services, the Township Mental Health Board, American Association of Suicidology, Suicide Prevention Lifeline, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the Illinois Department of Human Services, and other organizations which assist with suicide prevention invite all residents of Hanover Township to participate in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, Cook County, Illinois, that the month of September 2022 is Suicide Prevention month in Hanover Township.

Dated: September 6, 2022

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto to set our hands and caused the seal of Hanover Township

to be affixed hereto.

Trustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie

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