

## RESOLUTION

## **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, young adults ages 18 to 25 have the highest rates of suicidal thoughts and attempts of any age group and according to the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics, suicide is responsible for nearly 45,000 deaths in the U.S. each year — an average of 123 a day; and

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 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 2021 is Suicide Prevention month in Hanover Township.

Dated: September 7, 2021

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

to be affixed hereto

rustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie

Supervisor Brian P. McGuire

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