

PROCLAMATION

World Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

WHEREAS, suicide is a common occurrence, one that is often stigmatized and not spoken of and sometimes occurs suddenly, without warning, or during or after a long journey of mental illness or due to other causes or complications; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County wishes to acknowledge the profound grief experienced by families who suffer the death of a child by suicide, the lives of those who have died by suicide, and recognizes that education and resources must be made available to prevent others from this devastating tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized as a month of remembrance and awareness of suicide loss and the need for support for those who are struggling with thoughts of not being able to continue to live; and

WHEREAS, a month of remembrance honors the lives of those who have died far too soon and supports grieving parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family members whose lives are forever altered by the heartbreak of suicide; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding suicide loss may lead to greater understanding, support, and resources in communities across Tarrant County for those parents and families requiring support and understanding during their time of grief; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness of the challenges faced by those parents and families is a positive means of establishing support and understanding, and

WHEREAS, recognizing World Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month would enable the people of Tarrant County to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as World Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Tarrant County and encourage parents, caregivers, and all residents to become educated in opportunities to prevent suicide and support bereaved families as they make others aware of this reality by working to value one another and to prevent another loss of life due to suicide.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 4th day of September 2024.