RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-104(6), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-103, the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, September is known around the Country as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, each year, more than 41,000 people die by suicide and it is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and,

WHEREAS, many people who are affected by suicidal thoughts or ideations suffer in silence and may not reach out to those around them for help; and,

WHEREAS, the United City of Yorkville, Illinois, instated a proclamation project to draw attention to the issue and to encourage awareness of Suicide Prevention Resources; and,

WHEREAS, Sarpy County wishes to join the other cities and counties across the Nation who have adopted the proclamation project to show support to the counselors, educators, coaches, and police officers that help to prevent suicide, to draw awareness to the issue, and to encourage the residents of Sarpy County to take notice of and reach out to those around them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT the month of September, 2018 is hereby proclaimed to be National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Sarpy County, and do hereby urge all residents to take due note of the observance.

The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with the applicable law on the 25th day of September, 2018.

Attest:

Sarpy County Board Chairperson

Sarpy County Clerk
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

PROCLAMATION

September Is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS; September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and

WHEREAS; Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS; According to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; and

WHEREAS; Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

WHEREAS; Sarpy County, Nebraska is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and

WHEREAS; local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life’s struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Don Kelly, as Chairman of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Sarpy County, Nebraska.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2018, A.D.

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Don Kelly, Chairman of the
Sarpy County Board of
Commissioners