



PROCLAMATION

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, West Dundee 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, group leaders, public safety officers, parents and others who make a positive impact in the lives of others, 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 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 they are appreciated and suicide is not the answer.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Christopher J. Nelson, President of the Village of West Dundee, do hereby recognize the month of September 2018, as **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month** in the Village of West Dundee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the Village of West Dundee at my office on April 16, 2018.



Christopher Nelson, Village President