



PROCLAMATION

National Suicide Prevention Week

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 12.3 minutes, resulting in more than 44,000 suicides each year (Centers for Disease Control; 2015 data); and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over 1.1 million suicide attempts each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, North Carolina experienced 1,406 deaths by suicide (North Carolina Department of Public Health); and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, suicide results in an estimated \$51 billion in combined medical and work loss costs nationally (Centers for Disease Control); and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Davidson LifeLine envision a world without suicide, and are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research, education, advocacy and resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rusty Knox, Mayor of Davidson, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2018 as "**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**" in Davidson and commend its observance to all citizens.

Proclaimed this the 4th day of September, 2018.

Rusty Knox, Mayor