

RESOLUTION NO. 03 - 2024

RECOGNIZING September as National Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Cincinnati; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council to the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition for all their hard work in the community.

WHEREAS, mental health is part of overall health, and one in five adults experience a mental health problem in any given year; and

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Week is celebrated September 8 to September 14; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of fourteen and three-quarters of chronic mental illness begins by age 24, and long delays often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause among young adults; and

WHEREAS, the United States' gun suicide rate is nearly twelve times that of other high-income countries, and nearly six out of every ten gun deaths in the United States are suicides; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of people who die by suicide had shown symptoms of a mental health condition, according to interviews with family, friends, and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery and it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for far too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help, and public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, we want to shine a light on suicide prevention and mental illness and fight stigma, provide support, educate the public, and place our full support behind those who work in the mental health field, including the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: September 18, 2024

Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Vice, Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmember Anna Albi, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Councilmembers Victoria Parks, Jeff Cramerding, Reggie Harris, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh