

## Suicide Prevention Month 2017

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 40,000 people commit suicide every year; and

WHEREAS, in our country, suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, community organizations and resources are essential to continuing the fight against suicide and the loss of young lives; and

WHEREAS, reducing the stigma by discussing suicide and increasing the awareness of available resources for those suffering from suicidal thoughts is important to maintaining the health and happiness of citizens; and

WHEREAS, many of those people who died never received effective behavioral health services, for many reasons including the difficulty of accessing services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, the stigma of using behavioral health treatment and the stigma associated with losing a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the warnings signs and the networks available for at-risk individuals, are essential to continue lowering the rates of suicide in the country; and

WHEREAS, reducing the stigma by discussing suicide and increasing the awareness of available resources for those suffering from suicidal thoughts is important to maintaining the health and happiness of citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bevil Oaks City Council recognizes **September 2017 as National Suicide Prevention Month** and calls upon all citizens of Bevil Oaks to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities to support suicide prevention efforts.

Signed this 24th day of August, 2017

  
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Mayor Rebecca M. Ford