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2024 National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation for Columbia County, Oregon

WHEREAS, suicide was ranked the 11th leading cause of death in the U.S. (National Council for Suicide Prevention);

WHEREAS, suicide was the second leading cause of death for people 10-14 and 25-34 and among the top four causes for all age groups 10 to 44 years of age (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention);

WHEREAS, in the U.S., 49,476 people died by suicide in 2022, which is about 1 death every 11 minutes (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention);

WHEREAS, in Oregon, suicide was the 10th leading cause of death in 2022 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention);

WHEREAS, in Oregon, 883 people died by suicide in 2022 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention);

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 5.8 million people in the U.S. are survivors of suicide loss (National Council for Suicide Prevention);

WHEREAS, in 2022, men died by suicide nearly 4 times more than women (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention);

WHEREAS, firearms accounted for 54.64% of all suicide deaths in 2022 (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention);

WHEREAS, there were an estimated 2.576 million attempted suicides in 2022 (National Council for Suicide Prevention);

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health concern and affects many in our community, and

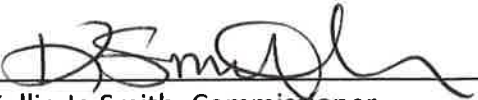
WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners urge that we align with effective suicide prevention strategies such as strengthening economic supports, creating protective environments, improving access and delivery of suicide care, promoting healthy connections, teaching coping and problem-solving skills, identifying and supporting people at risk, and lessening harms and preventing future risk.

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, we, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month and designate September 10, 2024, as Suicide Prevention Day in Columbia County, Oregon.

Dated this 11th day of September 2024, in St. Helens, Oregon.



Casey Garrett, Chair



Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner



Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

