

City of Willoughby Hills

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

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; 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, 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; 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.

WHEREAS, "*Municipality, State*" 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, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. Council hereby declares September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Willoughby Hills and encourages all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days 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 suicide is not the answer.

SECTION 2. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: July 26, 2018

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 26 day of July, 2018

ATTEST:

Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council

Nancy E. Fellows

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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor

July 26, 2018

Robert M. Weger

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