

CITY OF NAPA

PROCLAMATION

Suicide Prevention Month ~ September 2023

WHEREAS, the Napa County Suicide Prevention Council (NCSPC), a public/private collaborative of people and organizations who are dedicated to reducing stigma around suicide, supporting those who have lost loved ones to suicide, identifying and advocating for resources and promoting a safe, connected and resilient community to reduce the risk of suicide; and

WHEREAS, in the last six years NCSPC has worked tirelessly to reach their vision of a suicide-free community through education and training, stigma reduction, linkage to services, and provision of resources to combat suicide; and

WHEREAS, from 2018-2020, the suicide rate in California was 10.5 deaths per 100,000 population and Napa County's was 10.9 deaths per 100,00 population, placing Napa County higher than the State average; and

WHEREAS, across the state and Napa County, the age group with the highest suicide rate was 85 years and older. The race with the highest suicides was White and second highest was American Indian/Alaskan Native; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 22-23, law enforcement responded to over 250 calls related to suicide and in 2022, 20 individuals completed suicide in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 22-23, the NCSP trained 941 community members in the Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) model of suicide prevention to help prevent suicides; and

WHEREAS, every City of Napa resident can be an ally by knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to communicate with someone they are concerned about, and reaching out to local resources for help.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, do hereby proclaim *September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month*.

Dated: September 19, 2023

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
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