

# CITY OF NAPA PROCLAMATION

## *Suicide Prevention Month September 2018*

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Suicide Prevention Council, a public/private collaborative of Napa families impacted by suicide and agencies that serve the Napa County Community, strives to save lives and envisions a suicide-free community through education and training, stigma reduction and provision of resources to combat suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death among individuals 25-34 and the third leading cause of death among individuals 15-24; and

**WHEREAS**, more than twice as many people die by suicide in California annually than by homicide; Napa County has, between 2000 & 2017, averaged more than 14 suicide deaths annually, the greatest number being individuals 45-54 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, California accounted for 9.5 percent (4,288) of the United States 44,695 suicides, resulting in one person in California dying by suicide every two hours; and

**WHEREAS**, every Napa County resident can be an ally by learning about the warning signs of suicidal behavior and how to support someone at risk of suicide, help eliminate stigma associated with suicide and mental illness, by treating individuals with mental illness with respect and compassion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Jill Techel, Mayor of the City of Napa, on behalf of the Napa City Council, do hereby proclaim *September 2018 as Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Napa* and urge the citizens of the City of Napa to learn more about suicide detection and prevention.

Dated: September 4, 2018

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JILL TECHEL, MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPA