

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-66**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 AS “SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH” IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, in our country, suicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents; (CDC 2023) and the tenth leading cause for adults (CDC 2019); and

**WHEREAS**, more than 47,500 people died by suicide in 2019 (CDC 2019); there is 1 death by suicide every 11 minutes; and more than 12 million people in the U.S. seriously thought about suicide in 2019 (CDEC 2019) and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining a safe and supportive community is consistent with Summit County Government’s overarching goals, and suicide prevention is consistent with many other efforts to protect the safety of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, a person’s mental health can affect their performance; depression and other mental health issues can interfere with a person’s ability to thrive in Summit County; and

**WHEREAS**, a suicide can significantly impact other youth, families and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, “Building Hope, Summit County”, a community coalition comprised of representatives from Summit School District, behavioral health organizations, county agencies, law enforcement, non-profit organizations and the community at large, is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, and the pain for those affected by deaths by suicide, through educational programs, youth prevention programs and intervention services, has identified September 2023 as SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH and recognizes:

- Suicide as a critical public health problem in Colorado and Summit County; and
- The need to ensure accessible behavioral health services for all children, youth, individuals and families in Summit County, and implementing best practices in reducing suicide risk for citizens of all ages and backgrounds; and
- Suicide prevention is a broad community problem in need of a broad community solution that includes public awareness and focused prevention programming at all levels in Summit County; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County continues to be impacted by suicide and strives to prevent another loss of a person’s life by:

- Establishing and communicating protocols for helping people at risk of suicide;
- Establishing protocols for responding to suicide death;

- Providing education and training for the prevention of suicide;
- Offering opportunities for people to learn about suicide prevention;
- Delivering evidence-based suicide prevention strategies to the community; and
- Promoting greater resident awareness regarding available crisis intervention services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SUMMIT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOES HEREBY JOIN THE HEALTHY FUTURES INITIATIVE AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH.**

**APPROVED ON THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.**

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO  
BY AND THROUGH ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



*Joshua Blanchard*  
Joshua Blanchard, Chair

ATTEST:

*Taryn Power*  
Taryn Power, Clerk and Recorder