

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide remains the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in the United States over 47,000 people died by suicide in 2019; and

WHEREAS, suicide rates have increased 30% over the last two decades, with suicide rates finally decreasing 2.1% between 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2019, there were 1.38 million suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, suicide was the 12th leading cause of death in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 804 people died by suicide in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research, education, advocacy and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide or who struggle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim September, 2021, as

“SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH”

and urge that we recognize suicide as a preventable national and state public health problem and declare suicide prevention to be a priority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed this the 21st day of September, 2021.

SEAL



Mark Saliba
Mayor

Attest:

Wendy Shiver
City Clerk