

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD PROCLAMATION National Suicide Prevention Month – September 2023

WHEREAS, September is known as National Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to help raise awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources available in the community; and

WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day is observed each year on September 10; 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 48,000 people die by suicide; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people 10 to 34 years of age, the fourth leading cause among people 35 to 54, and the eighth leading cause among people 55 to 64; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988 work to help individuals in crisis and provide resources to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Waterford Township Board of Trustees together with Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) do hereby recognize September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Month in Waterford Township, Michigan, and we urge all individuals and organizations in our community to take steps to increase awareness and understanding of suicide prevention, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to assist individuals in crisis.

I hereby certify that this Proclamation was made by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on August 28, 2023.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Kim Markee, Township Clerk