

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 22

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS  
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Colorado ranks eighth in the nation for deaths by suicide and suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 10-44 in the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, suicide by firearm accounted for over 60% of suicide deaths in El Paso County (10% higher than the national average) and 30% of suicide deaths were by someone with known active or prior military duty (a 10% increase from 2020); and

WHEREAS, the Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County is committed to reducing suicide by 20% by 2024 and recognizes that effective suicide prevention must acknowledge the needs of priority populations such as Youth, Young Adults, Working Adults, Older Adults, Disabled, First Responders, Military, LGBTQIA2+, and BIPOC populations; and

WHEREAS, the Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County unites community partners in addressing suicide prevention by creating a comprehensive Community Suicide Prevention & Response Plan of which specifically addresses firearm safe storage, an increased focus on suicide prevention for our military community & other priority populations; and

WHEREAS, the Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County provides free training, resources and support to the community for implementation of the Community Suicide Prevention & Response Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council recognizes September 2022 as Suicide Prevention Month and applauds the efforts of The Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County as they strive to make a difference.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk