

**TOWN OF FRISCO  
PROCLAMATION  
SEPTEMBER 2021 IS “SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH” IN FRISCO, COLORADO.**

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, suicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents (NIH), and the tenth leading cause for adults (NIH); and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 47,500 people died by suicide in 2019 (CDC); there is 1 death by suicide every 11 minutes; over 300,000 visits to the emergency room are caused by self-harm injuries each year (CDC); and yearly more than 12 million people seriously think about suicide (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, in Summit County, the suicide rate is 17.4 deaths per 100,000 people, which is higher than the national rate of 14.5 deaths per 100,000 (CDPHE); nine people died by suicide in our community in 2020; and from January 1, 2021 through August 18, 2021, four community members have died by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining an inclusive, safe, and supportive community is consistent with the Town of Frisco’s goals, and suicide prevention is consistent with many other efforts to protect the safety of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a person’s mental health can affect every aspect of life and can hinder the ability to enjoy life and thrive in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, a suicide can significantly impact other youth, families, and the whole community; 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 2021 as SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH and recognizes:

- Suicide as a critical public health problem in Colorado, Summit County, and Frisco; 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**, the Town of Frisco continues to be impacted by suicide and strives to prevent another loss of life by:

- Strengthening economic supports;
- Promoting activities and events that connect the community;
- Identifying and supporting people who are at risk;
- Supporting organizations that provide access to and delivery of suicide care;
- Encouraging greater resident awareness regarding available crisis intervention services.

And

WHEREAS, Frisco Town Council wants every community member to know that they are valued, that better days are always ahead, and that seeking mental health care is a heroic act in support of yourself and your community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, SEPTEMBER 2021 IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED TO BE SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH IN FRISCO, COLORADO.**

**DATED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.**

TOWN OF FRISCO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hunter Mortensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Wohlmuth, CMC, Town Clerk