

*Office of the Mayor*  
**Arkansas City, Kansas**  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, National Suicide Prevention Month is an annual month-long campaign in the United States to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, by drawing attention to the problem of suicide in the United States, the campaign also strives to reduce the stigma surrounding the topic, as well as encourage the pursuit of mental health assistance and support people who have attempted suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the campaign, health organizations are encouraged to conduct depression screenings, including self-administrated and online tests, referring interested individuals to call or text 988 to the national crisis hotline and speak with a trained crisis counselor; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1975, National Suicide Prevention Month awareness events are held throughout the week corresponding to World Suicide Prevention Day, which is recognized annually on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the month of **September 2023**, as

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

in Arkansas City, Kansas.

*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

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*Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor  
Date: September 5, 2023*