



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of Arkansas City is committed to promoting organizations that support the positive mental health and well-being of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hope Squad believes in the power of peer-to-peer connection to prevent suicide and they are committed to raising awareness about mental health, strengthening connections, and preventing suicide in our communities; and

WHEREAS, currently, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in the United States for youth ages 10-34 years old; and

WHEREAS, more than 49,000 Americans died by suicide and another 1,500,000 attempted suicides in 2023; and

WHEREAS, in Kansas, 569 individuals died by suicide in 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tad Stover, Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2026 as

DAY OF HOPE

in Arkansas City and encourage the community to join our efforts in any way that is personally meaningful.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

TAD STOVER, MAYOR
February 3, 2026