



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

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 reach 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 September 10th.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the month of **September 2025**, as

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

in Arkansas City, Kansas, and encourage all citizen of Arkansas City to attend or support the **Back to School Mental Health Fair** and other community activities this month, which provide valuable resources, raise awareness, and strengthen our commitment to building a healthier, more informed, and more supportive community for all.

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

CHAD D. BEESON, MAYOR
September 2, 2025