



CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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PROCLAMATION

The City of Del Rey Oaks City Council

Hereby Proclaim September National Suicide Prevention Month

Whereas, suicide is a national and statewide public mental health problem which occurs among all age groups and across all socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds, is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States, and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; and

Whereas, in the United States, over 49,000 people died by suicide in 2023—and several thousand friends and family members are changed forever by losing those people; and

Whereas, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

Whereas, suicide is preventable, and it is appropriate for a week to be set aside each year to dedicate our thoughts to improving the mental health of all Pasadena residents and raising awareness about suicide;

Now, Therefore I, Scott Donaldson, Mayor of the City of Del Rey Oaks, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2025 in Del Rey Oaks as National Suicide Prevention Week, as addressing the mental health needs in Del Rey Oaks of seniors, adults, youth, children, and families is fundamental to having a healthy and accepting community.

Signed this 23th day of September 2025

Scott Donaldson, Mayor