



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every life holds inherent worth, and the loss of a person to suicide touches families, friends, colleagues, schools, neighborhoods, and our community in profound ways; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable, and hope can be strengthened when we listen without judgment, recognize when someone may be struggling, reduce stigma, and build connection and support; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and resilient Fort Collins is one in which every person knows they matter, experiences a sense of belonging, and has people and places to turn to during life's most difficult moments; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention is not solely the work of those who respond in moments of crisis; it is a shared community responsibility strengthened through relationships, education, early intervention, compassion, and the everyday act of noticing and caring for one another; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County, together with community partners, professionals, volunteers, and those with lived experience, continues the essential work of providing education, fostering connection, supporting those impacted by suicide, and reminding us that hope and help are possible; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, we remember those whose lives have been lost to suicide, hold close those who carry the grief of those losses, stand alongside those who have struggled, and recommit ourselves to creating a community in which reaching for help is met with compassion, dignity, and care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Pignataro, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

and call upon all to strengthen connections, practice compassion, and create a community where every person knows they matter, belong, and that they do not have to face difficult moments alone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st day of September, 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk