



**Office of the Mayor
City of Jackson, Missouri
Proclamation**

- WHEREAS:** September, being recognized as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month," was created to raise the visibility of mental health and proactive suicide prevention resources in our community. We also want to start the conversation, destigmatize it, and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (A.F.S.P.), suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 with more than 48,000 people dying by suicide annually in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** According to Hope For The Day (H.F.T.D.), with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including friends, service members, family, social media connections, and neighbors, we can safely assume everyone has been impacted by suicide; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Jackson, Missouri, publicly places its full support behind those who work in the field of mental health, prevention education, and law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS:** Our local mental health partners, including Southeast Missouri Suicide Prevention, Inc., serve on the front lines of a war that many refuse to discuss due to stigma; and
- WHEREAS:** We encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and to recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dwain L. Hahs, Mayor of the City of Jackson, along with the Board of Aldermen and all our citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2023 in the City of Jackson, Missouri, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Jackson, Missouri, this fifth day of September, 2023.



Mayor Dwain L. Hahs

