



Town of Johnstown

PROCLAMATION

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month

Presented To North Range Behavioral Health

WHEREAS, suicide is a complex issue that can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, or background; and

WHEREAS, over 48,000 deaths annually are attributed to suicide; with suicide rates in Colorado ranking 6th nationally, and 66 lives lost to suicide in Weld County during 2022; and

WHEREAS, being a trusted person to turn to when someone is feeling isolated or hopeless is one of the most important things we can do to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, actively challenging stigma around mental health and building skills that increase the likelihood of someone feeling safe to open up without fear of shame or judgement is the first step; and

WHEREAS, because of the collaborative prevention and education efforts of North Range, Suicide Education and Support Services (SESS), Imagine Zero of Weld County, numerous survivors, and community partners, hope exists in Johnstown; and

WHEREAS, North Range Behavioral Health’s Suicide Education and Support Services (SESS) program supports those who have lost someone to suicide and provides education to Johnstown residents that help build critical suicide prevention skills; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month with the goal of promoting awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources and support available to us and our community; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to learn how to talk about mental health; research suicide prevention resources available nationally and throughout Weld County; check in on the wellbeing of your family, friends, and neighbors; and share genuine appreciation for the people in your life by any gesture you deem appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO THAT:

I, Troy D. Mellon, Mayor of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado on the 6th day of September, 2023, do September 2023 as Suicide Awareness And Prevention Month In Johnstown, Colorado and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of behavioral health and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all citizens.

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

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Troy D. Mellon, Mayor