



City of Ketchum

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** suicide is a major public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action, as death by suicide as increased 25% nationally. Idaho remains sixth in the nation for highest rate of suicide; and
- Whereas,** each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones and by extension, the entire community; and
- Whereas,** the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and
- Whereas,** Blaine County is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and
- Whereas,** 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance conducts annual and ongoing training through “Know the 5 Signs” presentations for community members, with over 1,000 individuals educated last year in Blaine County; and
- Whereas,** we recognize recovery is possible, with the help of numerous partnerships with our community; and
- Whereas,** September 2020 is recognized across the United States as National Suicide Prevention and Recovery month providing the opportunity to educate oneself about warning signs and how best to help those most in need.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim September as National Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month in the City of Ketchum, and urge all citizens to be leaders in prevention and participate in a “Know the 5 Signs” training with the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance.