



CITY OF KING, NC
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

BE THE ONE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, suicide remains a serious public health concern that affects individuals, families, and communities throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, military veterans may face unique challenges associated with their service, including mental health struggles, social isolation, and difficulties transitioning to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, veterans organizations such as The American Legion are dedicated to supporting veterans and their families while promoting awareness, outreach, and access to resources; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion's "**BE THE ONE**" initiative seeks to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health, encourage meaningful conversations, promote early intervention, and connect veterans with the support they may need; and

WHEREAS, the City of King recognizes the importance of fostering a caring and supportive community where veterans and their families know they are valued, respected, and never alone; and

WHEREAS, every resident can play a role by reaching out, listening, offering support, and helping connect those in need with available resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard E. McCraw, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of King, and on behalf of our City Council, do hereby proclaim **September** as "**BE THE ONE AWARENESS MONTH**" in the City of King and encourage all residents to join in supporting veterans, promoting mental health awareness, and helping ensure that those who may be struggling receive the care, connection, and support they deserve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of King to be affixed this 8th day of September 2026.

{Seal}

Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk