

**Proclamation Recognizing September as
National Suicide Prevention Month and National Recovery Month**

WHEREAS, suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States, and every life lost to suicide is a profound tragedy that affects families, friends, and entire communities; and

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Month provides an important opportunity to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote resources and support for individuals and families struggling with mental health challenges and suicidal thoughts; and

WHEREAS, September is also observed as National Recovery Month, celebrating the strength and resilience of those living in recovery, and recognizing the vital role that prevention, treatment, and recovery services play in supporting healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, recovery is possible and attainable for those living with substance use and mental health conditions, and the stories of recovery offer hope and inspiration for countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Orion is committed to fostering a community of compassion, understanding, and support, where individuals are encouraged to seek help without shame, and where families and caregivers are uplifted in their journey; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about suicide prevention and recovery empowers our residents to connect with lifesaving resources such as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, and reminds us all that help is available, and hope is possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Teresa Rutt, Village Council President of the Village of Lake Orion, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as **National Suicide Prevention Month** and **National Recovery Month** in the Village of Lake Orion, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all residents to learn the warning signs of suicide, to offer support to those in need, to celebrate stories of recovery, and to work together to build a community where no one struggles alone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Lake Orion to be affixed this 25th day of August, 2025.

Teresa Rutt
Village Council President
Village of Lake Orion, Michigan