

National Suicide Prevention Month – September 2023

- WHEREAS** September is known as National Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to help raise awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources available in the community; and
- WHEREAS** World Suicide Prevention Day is observed each year on September 10; and
- WHEREAS** Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and
- WHEREAS;** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year more than 48,000 people die by suicide; and
- WHEREAS;** Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people 10 to 34 years of age, the fourth leading cause among people 35 to 54 years of age, and the eighth leading cause among people 55 to 64 years of age; and
- WHEREAS;** Organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 988 work to help individuals in crisis and provide resources to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic; and
- WHEREAS;** every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and
- WHEREAS;** Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is committed to being a Zero Suicide organization and cultivate a network of providers who are engaged in the Zero Suicide philosophy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Oakland Community Health Network hereby recognizes September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Month. OCHN calls upon our individuals, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, faith-based organizations, and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to assist individuals in crisis.