

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United states, the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10-44; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 suicide was the 13th leading cause of death in Alabama, and over 49,000 people died by suicide in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition was not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research, education, advocacy and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide or who struggle; and

WHEREAS, suicide is recognized as a preventable national and state public health problem and declare suicide prevention to be a priority; encourage initiatives and promote awareness based on the goals contained in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Paul Finley, Mayor of the City of Madison, Alabama do hereby proclaim the month of

SEPTEMBER 2024

as

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in the City of Madison, Alabama and encourage the citizens of this great community to show that they care by supporting the suicide prevention services and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Paul Finley, Mayor

