

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 2026, AS SUICIDE PREVENTION
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, with September 10th observed as World Suicide Prevention Day, highlighting the importance of hope, compassion, and meaningful connections in creating communities where everyone feels valued and supported; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, everyone has a role in suicide prevention by learning the warning signs, starting caring conversations, reducing stigma, and connecting those in need with appropriate resources and support; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, running theme since 2024 has been “*Changing the Narrative on Suicide*,” which focuses on moving away from a culture of silence and stigma toward one of openness, honest, and compassionate dialogue; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline serves as an important free, confidential, resource for individuals and families by providing access to trained crisis counselors and support when it is needed most.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 5. Do hereby proclaim September 2026, as Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Norman and call upon all residents to learn about suicide prevention, recognize the importance of connection and support, reach out to those who may be struggling, and help create a community where everyone knows they are not alone and that help is available.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

