

WHEREAS, we recognize our law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMS, dispatchers, corrections, coroners, chaplains, retired first responders, healthcare workers, clinicians, our military, our veterans, and their families as everyday heroes; and

WHEREAS, these heroes put themselves in harm's way, protecting and serving our communities without hesitation; and

WHEREAS, they are called to help, serve, protect, and save lives; and

WHEREAS, their selfless work can take a great toll on their physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, over the past four years, we have seen a devastating upturn in numbers of suicides among these professions; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is currently tied for 50th in the United States for having the least amount of mental health and wellness resources; and

WHEREAS, we recognize it is paramount for us as a community to surround our first responders, members of the military, our veterans and their families with love, respect and the best resources available for them to maintain their mental health, wellness and build resiliency; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that improving access to good mental health and wellness resources substantially affects their families' wellbeing, as well as the communities in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, we honor and pay tribute to those who have been lost in the line of duty, or died by suicide, as well as those who continue to keep the "Spirit of True Heroism" alive each day be serving as our Everyday Heroes.

NOW THEREFORE, I Trevor A Chadwick, Mayor of the City of Star, Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2023, to be Elevate our Everyday Heroes Day.

Signed this 5th day of September, 2023

Mayor Trevor A. Chadwick

