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### PROCLAMATION NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2024

**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 in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, suicide was among the top 9 leading causes of death for people ages 10-64, and the leading cause of death for people ages 10-14, and 20-34; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations like 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 cultivating a network of providers who are engaged in the Zero Suicide philosophy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, White Lake Township hereby recognizes September 2024, as National Suicide Prevention Month. White Lake calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, 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.

White Lake Township Board of Trustees  
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