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PROCLAMATION 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 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAM) 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 County Health Network 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 2023, 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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