



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION & ACTION MONTH

September 2023

Whereas, September is recognized as "Suicide Awareness Month," to raise the visibility of mental health and proactive suicide prevention resources in our community; and

Whereas, we want to start the conversation, destigmatize it, and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and

Whereas, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages 10 and 34 with more than 48,000 people dying by suicide annually in the United States; and

Whereas, with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including family, friends, service members, co-workers, and neighbors, nearly everyone has been impacted by suicide; and

Whereas, the City of Avondale publicly places its' full support behind those who work in the field of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

Whereas, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all fighting our own battles; and

Whereas, we encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention & Action Month in the City of Avondale.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk