



Proclamation 2021-04 for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Whereas, September is known as National Suicide Prevention Awareness 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 10th; and

Whereas, suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion or background; and

Whereas, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death of people ten to 34 years of age; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 Pandemic has exacerbated feelings of mental distress; and

Whereas, organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Crisis Hotline work to help individuals in crisis and provide resources to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic; and

Whereas, elevated feelings of hopelessness and distress in the year 2021 may have contributed to the increase of death by suicide in Blaine County; 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, the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention and reducing stigma; and

Whereas, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to help those who are contemplating suicide; and

Whereas, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting the help they need; and

Whereas, public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Blaine County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Blaine County, Idaho and calls upon our citizens, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our County to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to assist individuals in crisis.

Dated this _____ day of _____ in the year 2021.

Dick Fosbury
Chairman

Angenie McCleary
Vice-Chairman

Jacob Greenberg
Commissioner