

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health crisis that causes the tragic loss of more than 48,000 lives in the United States each year, affecting individuals, families, and communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, suicide is the 9th leading cause of death, with over 900 residents lost to suicide in 2022, impacting people of all ages, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton recognizes that suicide is preventable, and every life is valuable, which calls for community-wide collaboration, compassionate support, and accessible mental health resources to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, organizations like Prevent Suicide Fox Cities are leading local efforts to prevent suicide by offering resources, education, and support to individuals and families affected by suicide, promoting a message of hope and help throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, this month serves as a time to remind our community that mental health care and suicide prevention resources are available, and there is no shame in seeking help, as well as to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives to suicide and offer support to those grieving their loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage all residents to raise awareness, promote healing, and help save lives through compassionate action and education.

Signed and sealed this 16th day of September 2024.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

