

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of September 8-14, 2024 is National Suicide Prevention Week, when millions of people around the world join their voices to share a message of hope and healing; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (A.F.S.P.), more than 49,000 people die by suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to Hope for the Day (H.F.T.D.), with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including friends, service members, family, social media connections, and neighbors we can safely assume everyone has been impacted by suicide; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we educate residents about suicide, mental health and substance abuse problems and the ways they affect all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives, friends, co-workers, and providers to recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention is important every day of the year. National Suicide Prevention Week gives us an opportunity to shine a special, encouraging light on this topic that affects us all, and send a clear, hopeful message that help is available, and suicide can be prevented.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize September 8 - 14, 2024 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

and encourage all residents to raise awareness of suicide prevention and encourage those in need to access mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services and programs available.

Dated this 27th day of August 2024




Joel R. Bryant, Mayor