



Mayoral Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health concern in the United States and is among the leading causes of death; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, suicide was the 12th leading cause of death overall in the United States, the third leading cause of death for youth ages 15-24, and the second leading cause for those ages 25-34; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that providing support services, talking about suicide, reducing access to means of self-harm, and following up with loved ones are some of the actions we can all take to help others; and

WHEREAS, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2023.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor