

# Proclamation



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

## **September 2022 is Suicide Prevention Month in Napa County**

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Suicide Prevention Council (NCSPC), a public/private collaborative of Napa families impacted by suicide and agencies that serve the Napa County Community, celebrates their five-year anniversary; and

**WHEREAS** in the last five years NCSPC has worked tirelessly to reach their vision of a suicide-free community through education and training, stigma reduction, linkage to services, and provision of resources to combat suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2018-2020, the suicide rate in California was 10.5 deaths per 100,000 population and Napa County's was 10.9 deaths per 100,000 population, placing Napa County higher than the State average; and

**WHEREAS**, across the State and Napa County, the age group with the highest suicide rate, was 85 years and older. The race with the highest suicides was White and second highest was American Indian/Alaskan Native; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 21-22, law enforcement responded to over 250 calls related to suicide, and in 2021, 20 individuals completed suicide in Napa County; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 21-22, the NCSP trained 950 community members in the Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) model of suicide prevention to help prevent suicides; and

**WHEREAS** every Napa County resident can be an ally by knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to communicate with someone they are concerned about, and reaching out to local resources for help.

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Ryan Gregory, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as Suicide Prevention Month in Napa County.

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Ryan Gregory, Chair  
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS