



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Suicide Prevention Month — September 2021

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, strives to save lives and envisions a suicide-free community through education and training, stigma reduction, and provision of resources to combat suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S., and in 2019 claimed 47,511 lives, suicide was the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, and the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 44; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the suicide rate in California was 11 deaths per 100,000 population. The age group with the highest suicide rate was 85 and older. The race with the highest suicides was White and second was American Indian/Alaskan Native; and

WHEREAS in 2020, 21 suicides were reported, 17 were identified as male gender and 4 as female gender; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, the Napa County Suicide Prevention Council virtually trained 243 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 learning the warning signs of suicidal behavior and can help eliminate the stigma associated with suicide and mental illness by treating individuals with mental illness with respect and compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Alfredo Pedroza, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as Suicide Prevention Month in Napa County.

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair
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