

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTINGTON PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 2024 TO BE

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the state of Utah has consistently been in the top ten states for suicide deaths since 2012 (currently 9th in the nation); and

WHEREAS, Carbon, Emery, and Grand Counties often lead the state of Utah in suicide deaths per capita; and

WHEREAS, people who lose a loved one to suicide are at a 30% higher risk of ending their lives to suicide as a learned coping mechanism and learned behaviors, and

WHEREAS, the risk of suicide can be reduced through awareness, training, proper educational resources, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's statistics, suicide is the **second** leading cause of death amongst Utahans ages 10-24, the **second** leading cause of death amongst ages 25-34, **second** for ages 35-44, **fifth** for ages 45-54, **ninth** for ages 55-64, and **eighteenth** for ages 65 and older, and

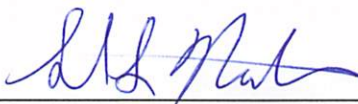
WHEREAS suicide affects everyone, suicide is everyone's business, and suicide is one of the most preventable deaths that can be avoided by: 1. learning the warning signs of depression and suicidal ideation, 2. knowing how and when to ask about one's suicidal thoughts, 3. being aware of life-saving measures, and 4. familiarizing ourselves with the resources available locally such as Four Corners Community Behavioral Health and state-wide such as Live On Utah and nationwide such as calling or texting 988 - the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Huntington Mayor Leonard Norton, on this 20th day of August 2024, do hereby proclaim September 2024 to be

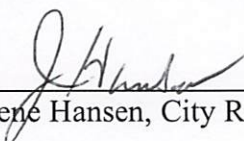
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in Huntington and encourage all residents of Huntington to recognize how serious suicide is and the steps each of us can take to protect those around us from this preventable tragedy; one with devastation generational and community-wide effects.




Leonard Norton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenene Hansen, City Recorder