

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTINGTON CITY PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 2025 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 7th in the nation versus 2024 reporting of 9th); 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 15-24 (no change,) the **second** leading cause of death amongst ages 25-34 (no change,) **second** for ages 35-44 (no change,) **fourth** for ages 45-54 (*fifth in 2024*), **fourth** for ages 55-64 (*ninth in 2024*), and **eighteenth** for ages 65 and older (no change since 2024,) 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, state-wide such as Live On Utah, and nationwide such as calling or texting 988 - the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Huntington City Mayor Leonard Norton, on this 20th day of August 2025, do hereby proclaim September 2025 to be

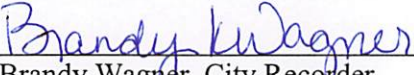
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in Huntington City and encourage all residents of Huntington City to recognize how serious suicide is and the steps each of us can take to protect those around us from this preventable tragedy; one with devastating generational and community-wide effects.




Leonard Norton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brandy Wagner, City Recorder