

## Fremont County Board of Commissioners Proclamation

## NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025

**WHEREAS,** Fremont County is home to more than 46,000 people, a place of destination for thousands of visitors annually, and the site of about a dozen state and federal correctional facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fremont County Coroner reported 26 suicides were investigated in 2023, three of which were offenders in the state or federal prison; and

**WHEREAS**, 90% of those who died by suicide had a diagnosable mental health condition at the time of their death, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, suicide was Colorado's seventh leading cause of death and the second leading cause of death for ages 15-44; and

WHEREAS, 54% of Americans have been affected by suicide in some way;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that September 2025 is hereby designated as National Suicide Prevention Month in Fremont County. The County Commissioners do urge all people of Fremont County to become educated on suicide prevention awareness and support those affected by suicide during this month and throughout the year.

Signed this 26 <sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2025.		
Kevin Grantham	Debbie Bell	 Dwayne McFall
District 1 Commissioner	District 2 Commissioner	District 3 Commissioner