



# **Fremont County Board of Commissioners**

## **Proclamation**

### **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County is home to more than 48,000 people, a destination for thousands of visitors annually, and the site of about a dozen state and federal correctional facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2025, the Fremont County Coroner's Office investigated 24 suicides; one of which occurred within a correctional facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth and young adults ages 15-34; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide typically ranks as the 7th leading cause of death across the general population in Colorado; 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 2026 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 and support those affected by suicide during this month and throughout the year.

**Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2026.**

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**Kevin Grantham**

District 1 Commissioner

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**Debbie Bell**

District 2 Commissioner

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