

**FREMONT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION**

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2021

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 20 suicides were investigated in 2020, none of which were offenders in the state and federal prisons; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County's average number of deaths by suicide typically is 12 to 16 per year;

WHEREAS, suicides cost Colorado a total of more than \$1 billion of combined lifetime medical and work loss in 2017, or on average of \$1.2 million per suicide death, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, suicide was Colorado's 7th leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, among all injury deaths occurring in Colorado in 2020, suicide was the second leading cause of death, just below motor vehicle fatalities; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 132 suicides per day in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on average, one person dies by suicide every seven hours in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that September 2021 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 ____ day of August, 2021.

Kevin Grantham,
District 1

Debbie Bell,
District 2

Dwayne McFall,
District 3