



Fremont County Board of Commissioners

Proclamation

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023

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 that 19 suicides were investigated in 2022, two of which were offenders in the state or federal prison; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County's average number of deaths by suicide typically is 24-30 per year; 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 2020, suicide was Colorado's eighth leading cause of death and the second leading cause of death for ages 10-44; and

WHEREAS, eight times as many people died by suicide in 2019 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 132 suicides per day in the U.S.; 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 2023 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 22nd Day of August, 2023.

Kevin Grantham
District 1 Commissioner

Debbie Bell
District 2 Commissioner

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District 3 Commissioner