

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, suicide is a national and state public health challenge that causes immeasurable pain among individuals, families and communities across our great nation; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and 2nd among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34. On an average there are 130 suicides per day, a total of 47,511 deaths; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Wyoming, suicide is the 7th leading cause of death overall. The state's suicide rate was the highest in the United States and almost twice the National average; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 181 Wyoming residents died by suicide, and several thousand friends and family members were changed forever by losing those people; and

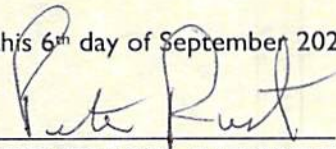
WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Wyoming Department of Health, along with the Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming, are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. These organizations provide education, advocacy and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide or who struggle themselves; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month can promote awareness and can assist in developing and implementing strategies to improve and increase access to quality mental health, substance abuse and suicide prevention services and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Pete Rust, Mayor, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as **SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH** and urge not only all Green River residents, but all Wyoming citizens to support services available in their respective communities to address mental health issues, suicide prevention services and programs available.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of September 2022.


PETE RUST, MAYOR