

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-11

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention Awareness Proclamation: September 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 26, 2018

RESOLUTION OF THE EL PASO COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION
AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2018

WHEREAS, there were 1,175 deaths by suicide in Colorado during 2017, making this the highest number and rate of suicide deaths ever recorded in our state; and

WHEREAS, 163 El Paso County residents died by suicide and thousands of their friends and family were forever changed by these losses last year; and

WHEREAS, in El Paso County in 2017, suicide was the seventh leading cause of death for people of all ages and men accounted for a disproportionate 75 percent of those deaths; and

WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2016, suicide was the leading cause of death among Colorado residents ages 10 to 17; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County is actively working to eliminate suicide across all age groups using campaigns to reduce stigma such as Man Therapy, an interactive mental health campaign targeting working age men, and Below the Surface, a campaign to raise teen awareness and promote Colorado's Crisis Text Line; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County Public Health has also established workgroups such as the Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup, and valuable partnerships such as the El Paso County Co-Responder Model giving first responders the added support of mental health professionals; and

WHEREAS, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month bringing many organizations together to raise awareness, educate and train on suicide prevention, and

WHEREAS, El Paso County Public Health urges all El Paso County residents to recognize suicide as a significant public health problem, and to help save lives by taking

advantage of local suicide prevention training opportunities to be better equipped to help identify at-risk individuals, eliminate stigmas associated with mental health issues and learn how to talk about suicide.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. The month of September 2018 is proclaimed as “*El Paso County Suicide Prevention Awareness Month*” in El Paso County, Colorado.
2. El Paso County Board of Health recognizes that no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient but that through these initiatives we can all work together to increase awareness and encourage people at risk to seek help.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2018, IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

BY: 
President

ATTEST BY: 
Secretary