

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2020 AS  
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK**

WHEREAS, September is known as National Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to help raise awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources available in the community; and

WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day is observed each year on September 10; and

WHEREAS, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS, According to the CDC more than 48,000 people die each year by suicide; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people 10 to 34 years of age, the fourth leading cause among people 35 to 54 years of age, and the eighth leading cause among people 55 to 64 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 800-273-TALK (8255) work to help individuals in crisis and provide resources to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic; and

WHEREAS, each member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles everyone needs the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hazel Park hereby recognizes September 2020 as Suicide Prevention Month. We call upon our citizens and organizations to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention and the need for services to assist individuals in crisis.