

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

“SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH 2019”

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health issue with more than 123 deaths per day that requires vigilant attention and preventative action and the City of Coolidge stands in solidarity with our fellow Pinal County Cities, School Districts, County, Community Partners and families to bring awareness to this issue. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death amongst those ages 12-18 and the 3rd leading cause of death amongst those ages 18-30; and

WHEREAS, each suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension, the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coolidge is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coolidge is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and

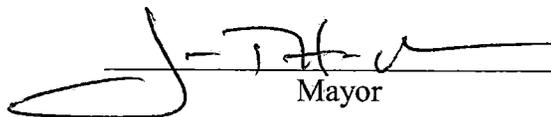
WHEREAS, The City of Coolidge encourages anyone thinking of taking their own life to seek the assistance they need by calling the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or text the Crisis Text line at 741741, or if you are a teenager, you can call 1-800-248-8336; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to help those who are contemplating suicide; and

WHEREAS, September 1st through 30th is recognized across the United States as Suicide Prevention Month and provides the opportunity to educate oneself about warning signs and how best to help those most in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Jon Thompson, Mayor and all City Councilmembers of the City of Coolidge hereby declare September 1st through September 30th, 2019, as “**SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**” throughout the City of Coolidge.

DATED on this 9th day of September 2019.


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

