

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-1440 Honoring September as Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS, suicide is a significant public health issue that affects people of all ages, genders, communities, and socioeconomic levels; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has one of the highest rates of suicide in the nation; and

WHEREAS, every life is valuable, and the loss of one life to suicide is a tragic and preventable event that leaves a lasting impact on families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, mental health and well-being are essential components of overall health, and early intervention, education, and support can save lives; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention begins with removing barriers, improving systems, promoting equity in the care system, and advocating for change; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness, encouraging open dialogue about mental health and wellness, and encouraging those in need to seek help are vital steps toward reducing the stigma surrounding mental illness and suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention requires the collective effort of healthcare providers, educators, lawmakers, community organizations, and every individual to provide support, resources, and hope to those who are struggling; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we honor the memory of those lost to suicide, hold space for those impacted by suicide loss, support those who are currently struggling, and recognize the tireless efforts of mental health professionals, advocates, survivors, and volunteers working to prevent suicide and promote healing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council do hereby proclaim September as Suicide Prevention Month in the City and County of Denver, and encourage all residents to take part in activities and initiatives that promote mental health awareness, foster protective factors, and support those affected by suicide. These life-saving efforts do not stop when September ends but continue year-round as we strive to create a culture of compassion, understanding, and hope.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Denver Health, the Department of Public Health and Environment, The Center on Colfax, Rick Padilla, the Second Wind Fund, Queer Asterisk, and Youth Seen.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 29, 2025

PRESIDENT

