



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 9/1/2021

Department: Health & Human Services Agenda Planning Date: 8/25/21 Time required: 10 Mins

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Department Head Signature: 

TITLE	Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
Issue, Description & Background	September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. For the past few years, staff have come before the Board of Commissioners to recognize this important issue through a formal proclamation.
Financial Impacts:	None
Impacts to Department & External Agencies	None
Options for Consideration:	Commissioners present and sign the proclamation of National Suicide Awareness Month being the month of September
Recommendation:	Commissioners present and sign the proclamation of National Suicide Awareness Month being the month of September
List of attachments:	Copy of proclamation
Presenter:	Phil Blea and Laura Sprouse

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of proclaiming the month of September 2021, as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Marion County:

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on September 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, the mental health and wellness of Marion County residents is of the utmost importance to the well-being of Marion County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, all Marion County residents have faced challenges in the past 18 months that may have impacted their wellness, including a global pandemic, civil unrest, wildfires, an ice storm, and other difficult and tragic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a tragic outcome of many complex factors and requires our immediate action, consistent attention, and appropriate resources for prevention, intervention, and postvention efforts; and

WHEREAS, there were an estimated 63 deaths by suicide recorded in Marion County and 828 deaths by suicide recorded in the state of Oregon during 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that each death by suicide directly impacts on average 100 other individuals including family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging individuals at risk for suicide from seeking timely, appropriate, and life-saving help; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Health and Human Services and our community partners are committed to suicide prevention efforts that reduce the adverse personal and community impacts of suicide and promote recovery; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Health and Human Services continues to implement the ZERO Suicide initiative across all service areas with the vision that no individuals served by Marion County Health and Human Services will die by suicide; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities, and every person and organization has an essential role in supporting prevention, reducing stigma, and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Marion County strives to support the health of all residents by promoting prevention and raising awareness of treatment, education, and supports available to end suicide in our community; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the month of September 2021, is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Marion County.



DATED at Salem, Oregon this 1st day of September, 2021.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson _____

Commissioner _____

Commissioner _____