

# Resolution

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, suicide was the 12th leading cause of death in the United States and claimed more than 46,000 lives and there were an estimated 1.2 million suicide attempts during the same period; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide was the second leading cause of death for ages 10 to 34 and the fourth leading cause of death for ages 35 to 54; and

**WHEREAS**, in Texas, a person dies by suicide approximately every two hours. There were 558 deaths by suicide in Harris County in 2020, and 60 of those were veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD serves as one of five Texas crisis centers that are answering the new national mental health and suicide prevention crisis line 988 and in 2021, the Harris Center answered over 140,000 crisis line and emotional support line calls; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health disorders and substance use disorders are the most significant risk factors for suicidal behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing profound mental health consequences for some and we do not yet know the impact on suicide rates; and

**WHEREAS**, from a public health perspective, suicide is considered one of the most preventable causes of death: now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby declares the month of September as

## Suicide Prevention Month

in Harris County, Texas.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 13th day of September 2022.

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**LINA HIDALGO**, County Judge

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**RODNEY ELLIS**, Commissioner  
Precinct One

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**ADRIAN GARCIA**, Commissioner  
Precinct Two

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**TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E.**, Commissioner  
Precinct Three

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**R. JACK CAGLE**, Commissioner  
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

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Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk  
Harris County, Texas