



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

September National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Whereas:

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community; and

WHEREAS:

according to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; and

WHEREAS:

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

WHEREAS:

suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among adults in the United States, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

WHEREAS:

Groveport fully supports local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and

WHEREAS:

organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many are silently fighting; and

WHEREAS:

all residents are encouraged to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LANCE WESTCAMP, Mayor of the City of Groveport, Ohio, do hereby recognize September as NATIONAL SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Groveport, Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.



Lance Westcamp
Lance Westcamp, Mayor
City of Groveport