

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, an increase of 35.2% since 1999; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 11 minutes, resulting in over 47,511 Americans dying by suicide every year; and

WHEREAS, more people die by suicide in the United States than cars deaths and homicides combined and over 132 Americans and over 22 veterans die by suicide daily, with suicide deaths being underreported; and

WHEREAS, for each completed suicide there are 25 attempts, with over 3,800 Americans attempting suicide daily, bringing close to 1.4 million people attempting suicide every year; and

WHEREAS, suicide should be declared a health crisis; every six hours someone in North Carolina dies by suicide; and

WHEREAS, depression is the number one disease that can cause a suicide, a treatable mental health condition, but due to the stigma that surrounds having a mental health condition people don't seek help; and

WHEREAS, suicide is everybody's business and anyone can prevent the tragedy of suicide by simply caring and getting educated; organizations and advocates envision a world without suicide and are dedicated to saving lives and providing hope to those affected by suicide through education, research, advocacy and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

“SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.

Vi Alexander Lyles
Mayor