

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA DATE: August 30, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Aleksandra Annello, 915-212-0002

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: (Goal 8 - Nurture & Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community)

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action to recognize September as Suicide Prevention Month, a time for people to raise awareness of suicide prevention, treatment, and recovery.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

September is Suicide Prevention And Awareness Month

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, a time for people to raise awareness of suicide prevention, treatment, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death for people aged ten to thirty-four, and fourth leading cause of death for people aged thirty-four to fifty-four, and 46% percent of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, hospital admissions for teenage girls who may have attempted suicide increased 50%, with lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth four times more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth, and transgender people are twelve times more likely to attempt suicide than the general population; and

WHEREAS, veterans represented almost 14% of suicides among U.S. adults in 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a community it is vital we learn to identify symptoms of mental health conditions and warning signs of suicide in order to step in and help individuals to get help before it is too late as well as to dismantle stigma and misinformation; and

WHEREAS, together, spreading public awareness, educating families and friends, advocating for mental health care expansion, and improving our behavioral system will help the lives of individuals living with mental health conditions and their families; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of El Paso along with El Paso VA and Emergence Health Network will host a vigil to honor those lost to suicide on September 22, 2022, at San Jacinto Plaza at 6PM; and

WHEREAS, El Pasoans can text “NAMI” to 741-741 to access the Crisis Text line, can call the nationwide suicide crisis line at 9-8-8, or the Emergence Health Network Crisis line at 915-779-1800 if they or a loved one are experiencing a mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day, which has been recognized internationally and is supported by the World Health Organization.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City of El Paso will recognize September as Suicide Prevention Awareness month in commemoration of those lost to suicide.

(Signatures on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

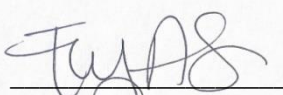
THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Evy A. Sotelo
Assistant City Attorney