Proclamation
Office of the Mayor

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, during this month there is an increased focus to promote awareness of suicide prevention resources that are available as well as to acknowledge those affected by suicide and connect those with suicidal ideation to treatment services; and

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

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, each year more than 49,000 people die by suicide in the United States, which is about one death every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, suicide was the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-14 and 25-34; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Emerson supports the efforts of mental health professionals, educators, coaches and leaders, police officers, and parents as partners to work together to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are at the forefront of a discussion of ending the stigma associated with suicide and promoting overall mental health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Emerson encourages all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors and 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, Danielle DiPaola, Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, on behalf of Governing Body, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and I encourage all citizens to educate themselves on how to help individuals struggling with their mental health.

Danielle DiPaola, Mayor
September 1, 2026