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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
SEPTEMBER 2022 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH.**

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Month unites mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members to promote suicide prevention awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported suicide was the tenth leading cause of death overall in the United States in 2020, claiming the lives of over 45,979 people. In 2021, the CDC reported Emergency Department visits for suspected suicide attempts among U.S girls ages 12-17 have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic by 51% from 2019; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's suicide rate remains among the highest in the country, with around 30 deaths per 100,000 people. Alaska Department of Health and Social Services-Statewide Suicide Prevention Council reports suicide is the leading cause of death among Alaskan youth over the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Alaska Chapter "focuses on eliminating the loss of life from suicide by delivering innovative prevention programs, educating the public about risk factors and reaching out to those individuals who have lost someone to suicide" and encourages anyone who is experiencing suicidal thoughts to call the Alaska Careline 24/7 crisis hotline at 877-266-HELP (4357); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly recognizes September 2022 as

"Suicide Prevention Awareness Month"

and encourages all Anchorage residents to help promote suicide prevention awareness.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of September, 2022.

Chair

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Municipal Clerk