

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF — OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a national and statewide public mental health problem which occurs among all age groups and across all socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, more than half of Americans know someone who has thought about suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide most often occurs when stressors exceed the current coping abilities of someone living with a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, many people who died by suicide did not receive effective behavioral health services due to the difficulties associated with accessing services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, prejudices and discrimination surrounding the use of behavioral health treatment, and the stigma against acknowledging suicidal ideation, and

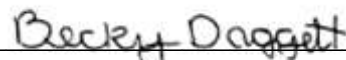
WHEREAS, public awareness of the warning signs and the networks available for at-risk individuals are essential to continue lowering the rates of suicide; and

WHEREAS, while there is no single cause of suicide and no single suicide prevention program or effort that will be appropriate for all populations or communities, initiatives based on the goals detailed in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention to increase access to quality mental health, substance use condition, and suicide prevention services will help prevent suicide.

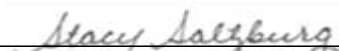
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim September 2026, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

and declare that suicide is preventable through strengthened public health policy, and we should, as individuals, coworkers, and neighbors all come together to bring awareness to this issue.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK