



## ***Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Little Elm is committed in promoting organizations that support the positive mental health and well-being of all its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Hope Squad believes in the power of peer-to-peer connection to prevent suicide and they are committed to raising awareness of mental health issues, sharing the hope, and saving lives; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in the United States for youth ages 10-17 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 49,000 Americans died by suicide and another 1,600,000 attempted suicide in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, in Texas, 4,368 individuals died by suicide in 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, we proclaim February 13, 2025 a **Day of Hope** in the Town of Little Elm, and encourage the community to join our efforts in any way that is personally meaningful.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of Little Elm, Texas, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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Curtis J. Cornelious, Mayor of Little Elm