

# CITY OF KUNA

## State of Idaho *Proclamation*

### September Is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 41,000 people die by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

**WHEREAS**, Kuna is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; 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**, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days 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, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Joe L. Stear, Mayor of the City of Kuna, Idaho, hereby proclaim the month of September 2018, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Kuna, Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I set my hand on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September  
in the year of two thousand and eighteen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe L. Stear", is written over a horizontal line.

**Joe L. Stear**  
Mayor of Kuna, Idaho