



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION & ACTION MONTH

Whereas, with September being recognized as "Suicide Awareness Month," the **National Suicide Prevention & Action Month Proclamation** was created to raise the visibility of mental health and proactive suicide prevention resources in our community. We also want to start the conversation, destigmatize it, and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and

Whereas, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (A.F.S.P), more than 49,000 people die by suicide annually in the United States; and

Whereas, according to Hope for the Day (H.F.T.D), with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including friends, service members, family, social media connections, and neighbors, we can safely assume everyone has been impacted by suicide; and

Whereas, Smyrna, Georgia publicly places its full support behind those who work in the field of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

Whereas, global organizations like Hope for the Day and our local mental health partners like Cobb Collaborative, Highland Rivers, and Tillman House serve on the front lines of a war that many refuse to discuss due to stigma; and

Whereas, we encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other; Now

Therefore, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, do hereby proclaim the month of *September 2024* as **National Suicide Prevention & Action Month** in Smyrna, Georgia.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 23rd day of September in the year of Our Lord 2024.

Derek Norton
Mayor

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