

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* The week of April 28th through May 2nd, 2025 is National Youth Violence Prevention Week. Raising awareness and educating students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence; and,
- Whereas,* The safety and well-being of many students, teachers and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized each day by violence, and far too frequently we hear about instances of isolation, bullying, self-harm, and violence in our schools and communities; and
- Whereas,* The Sandy Hook Promise *Know the Signs* program teaches children and teens how to recognize signs of potential violence in their schools before it happens and provides tools for intervention; and,
- Whereas,* Young people who are isolated can fall victim to bullying, violence and/or depression, causing them to pull away from society, struggle with learning and developing, and possibly choose to hurt themselves or others; and,
- Whereas,* The goal of *Know the Signs* is to foster long-term connectedness and greater inclusion, and to create a culture and community of upstanders; and,
- Whereas,* The youth of our country are working to enhance the learning environments by reducing social isolation, speaking up when they see youth at risk of harming themselves and others; and,
- Whereas,* Schools, school districts, and communities from across the country are uniting to protect our most vital resource – our youth; and,

NOW, THEREFORE I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 28th- May 2nd, 2025 National Youth Violence Prevention Week. I commend Sandy Hook promise and its Know the Signs program for the work it does to make our communities safer and encourage schools and communities to unite in action to prevent youth violence.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2025.



Mayor John Pribonic