

## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* The week of September 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is National Suicide Prevention Week, a time in which individuals, organizations and communities around the country join voices to amplify the message that suicide can be prevented; and,
- Whereas,* One goal of this annual campaign is to educate and inform the general public about suicide prevention, and mental health awareness; and,
- Whereas,* Knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to communicate with someone you are concerned about, and reaching out or referring to local resources, dialing 988 may help someone and possibly save their life; and,
- Whereas,* Organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, the County of Summit ADM Board Suicide Prevention Coalition along with the Stow Mental Health Coalition are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide through research, education, advocacy and promoting mental health awareness and acts of kindness among residents; and,
- Whereas,* This annual campaign also aims to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide and encourages the pursuit of mental health assistance. Going to therapy should be as normalized as going to the gym; and,
- Whereas,* we know that connecting, working with, and supporting one another may help prepare us for the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE** *be it resolved that I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, Ohio do hereby proclaim September 10<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is “National Suicide Prevention Week”. For more information, visit [stowohio.org/mental-health-resources](http://stowohio.org/mental-health-resources).*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023.*

*Mayor John Pribonic*