

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time when millions of people around the world join their voices to raise awareness of suicide preventions, treatment, and recovery; and,

WHEREAS, suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background. Suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition; and,

WHEREAS, the 2024-2026 triennial theme of awareness and recognition is "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" with an associated call to action of "Start the Conversation", a campaign which is about transforming how we perceive this complex issue, by shifting from a culture of silence and lack of understanding to one of openness, empathy, and support; and,

WHEREAS, changing the narrative requires systemic change, with advocating for multisectoral policies that prioritize mental health, increase access to care, provide support for those in need, and investing in research to better understand the complexities of suicide and develop evidence-based interventions; and,

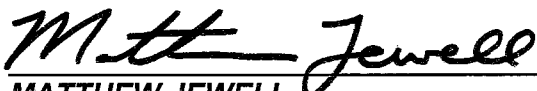
WHEREAS, an increased focus on the issue of suicide can be overwhelming for those with a living experience of suicide. It is crucial to recognize that World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10, 2024, is a day dedicated to raising awareness, fostering change, and providing a supportive community and understanding; and,

WHEREAS, we can all benefit from honest conversations about mental health conditions and suicide because just one conversation can change a life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2024 AS

**"SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"
AND PROCLAIM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
AS
"WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY"**

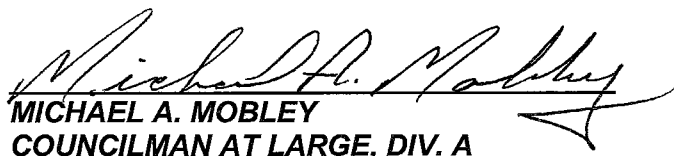
IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS, COMMUNITY AGENCIES, FAITH GROUPS, AND BUSINESSES TO COORDINATE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES.



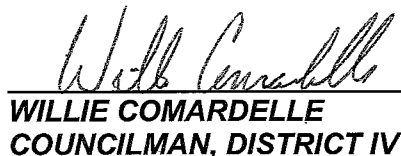
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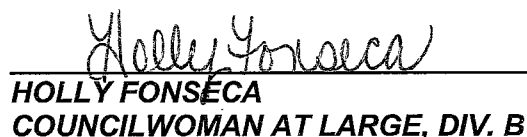
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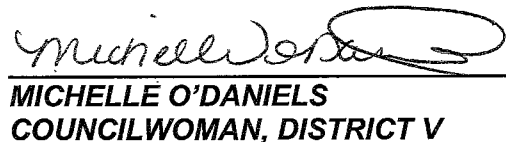
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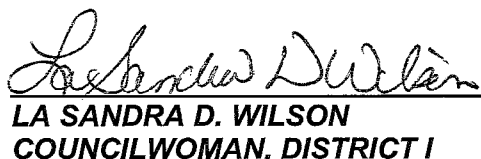
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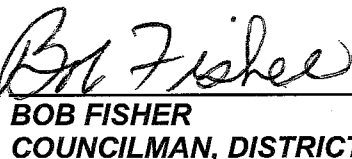
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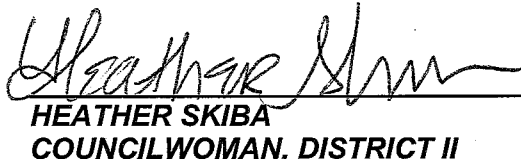
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