

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and community can endure and in 2019 Manitowoc County experienced its second highest number of suicide deaths in 12 years, with 20 people losing their lives; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 15 - 34 in Wisconsin and the third leading cause of death for ages 35 - 44; and

WHEREAS, More than three times as many people die by suicide in Wisconsin annually, than by homicide; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is a public health crisis, not an issue of morality or character, representing not only a waste of human life, but untold suffering for the families and friends of those who die in this tragic way; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Suicide Manitowoc County is a grassroots coalition of community members, many with lived experience, working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate the community about the warning signs of suicide, and ultimately reduce the rate of suicide deaths in our County until it is brought to ZERO; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Suicide Manitowoc County is also committed to excellence in suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc hereby proclaim September 2020 as

Suicide Prevention Month

in the City of Manitowoc, and encourage all citizens to give encouragement and hope to men, women, and youth who may be struggling.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this **21st day of September, Twenty Twenty.**

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor