## 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 the last 10 years Manitowoc County had 159 suicide deaths impacting over 21,000 people; and

WHEREAS, it's estimated that in the same period, there were 4,000 suicide attempts in the county; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health crisis, not an issue of morality or character, representing not only a devastating loss 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, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, 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 fulfills its vision of ending suicide; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc hereby proclaim September 2021 as

## Suicide Prevention Awareness 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 20th day of September, Twenty Twenty-One.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor