

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, a time when voices around the world unite to raise awareness of suicide prevention, recognize the warning signs, identify risk factors, and how to support someone who may be struggling; and*

WHEREAS, *the stigma associated with suicide and mental illness often hinders prevention efforts, creating feelings of guilt and discouragement, all community members are encouraged to educate themselves about the warning signs of suicide; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines fully supports those who work in the fields of mental health, education, and law enforcement and remains committed to public engagement, awareness, and education; and*

WHEREAS, *there are critical resources available, including the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, providing immediate and accessible help to anyone in need, reminding us all that we are not alone.*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2024



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor