



P18 _____, Village of Westmont
National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation

Declaring September as National Suicide Prevention month in the Village of Westmont

WHEREAS; September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness; and

WHEREAS; Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS; According to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; and

WHEREAS; Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

WHEREAS; **Westmont** is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly support in simply being available to one another; and

WHEREAS; local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate, and

WHEREAS, We can all help prevent suicide; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE VILLAGE OF WESTMONT, that September 2018 will be designated as "Suicide Prevention Month" in the Village of Westmont.

Passed and approved by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, on this 30th day of August, 2018.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

Ron Gunter
Mayor

Attest: _____
Virginia Szymski
Village Clerk