



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS; September is known as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month which helps promote resources and awareness around the issues of suicide prevention. It teaches how to help others and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and

WHEREAS; Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background; and

WHEREAS; Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people; and

WHEREAS; Rochelle, Illinois is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and

WHEREAS; local and national organizations like Suicide Prevention Services are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public; and

WHEREAS, the youth of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all 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 over the next few days and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, **John Bearrows,** do hereby proclaim the month of September 2019, as **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month** in the City of Rochelle.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

