



PROCLAMATION

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month



September 2017

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, DeKalb, 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

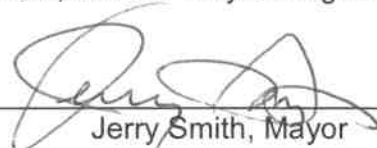
Whereas, the youth of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all fighting our own battles; and

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.

Now, Therefore, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2017, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month throughout the City of DeKalb.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of DeKalb, this 28th day of August, 2017.


Jerry Smith, Mayor