

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS; September is known globally as “Suicide Prevention Month”, the National Suicide Prevention and Action Month Proclamation was created to raise the visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our community. The goal is to start the conversation about mental health and the impact of suicide to help destigmatize the conversation and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and

WHEREAS; According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults, and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 in the US; and

WHEREAS; more than 48,000 people died by suicide across the United States in 2018, with an average of 132 suicides completed daily; and

WHEREAS; each and every suicide directly impacts a minimum of 100 additional people, including family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and community members; and

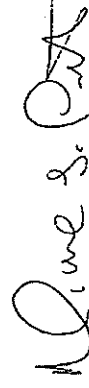
WHEREAS, the Borough of New Milford publicly places its full support behind those who work in the fields of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS; global organizations like Hope For The Day (HFTD) and our local mental health partner, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, serve on the front lines of a war that many still refuse to discuss, as stigma regarding suicide and mental health issues is far too prevalent.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Michael J. Putrino do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022, as

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ACTION MONTH

in the Borough of New Milford and encourage all residents to take the time to understand the importance of mental health education and recognize that taking care of ourselves and others includes taking care of mental health.



Mayor Michael J. Putrino
September 12, 2022