



WHEREAS, addressing suicide prevention of children, youth, and adults is fundamental to the future of McKinney residents; and

WHEREAS, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) reports that suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2022, with 49,476 deaths and an estimated 1.6 million attempts; and

WHEREAS, AFSP designates September as National Suicide Prevention Month, the week after Labor Day as National Suicide Prevention Week, and September 10 as World Suicide Prevention Day, promoting the *Talk Away the Dark* campaign to raise awareness and encourage engagement in suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, LifePath Systems, the Collin County Zero Suicide Program, and the Collin County LOSS Team are effectively addressing the mental health and suicide prevention in our community; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention is important every day of the year, and this moment now is an opportunity to shine a special, encouraging light on a topic that affects us all, and send a clear, hopeful message that help is available, and suicide can be prevented.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AS

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary