

# NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

## SEPTEMBER 2023 PROCLAMATION FOR THE TOWN OF DUXBURY

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 12th leading cause of all deaths in the U.S. and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 20 to 34, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in our Youth ages 10-19;

**WHEREAS**, in the U.S., one person completes suicide every 14 minutes;

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 5 million people in the U.S. are survivors of suicide loss;

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the overall suicide rate in our country was seen in 2019, representing a change in the recent pattern of stability or slight declines;

**WHEREAS**, suicide is a community problem and thus there must be a community response through various initiatives to reduce suicidal behaviors;

**WHEREAS**, The Plymouth Suicide Prevention Coalition, which is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths through education, awareness and action, urge that we as a community:

1. Recognize suicide as a national, state and Town of Duxbury public health problem and declare suicide prevention to be a Plymouth County priority;
2. Acknowledge that no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for all populations or communities;
3. Encourage local initiatives based on the goals contained in the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention*; and

**WHEREAS**, a great many suicides are preventable.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, we, the Duxbury Selectboard, do hereby designate September 10 as “*World Suicide Prevention Day*” and the month of September as “*National Suicide Prevention Month*” in the Town of Duxbury, Massachusetts.



Michael McGee, Vice Chair  
*Duxbury Selectboard*