



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA In Recognition of National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

Whereas: September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day and September 2020 is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, when millions of people around the world join their voices to share a message of hope and healing; and

Whereas: in these challenging times, messages of hope and healing are needed more than ever; and

Whereas: each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

Whereas: City of Smyrna and Cobb County residents should be able to access high quality prevention, support, rehabilitation, and treatment services that lead to mental health stability, recovery and a healthy lifestyle; and

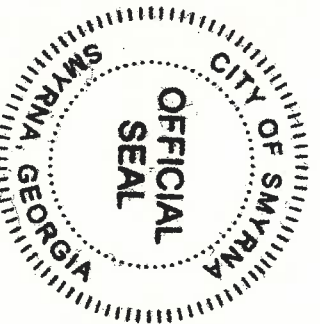
Whereas: every day in the City of Smyrna and Cobb County people enter treatment into behavioral health services and community supports and begin the road to wellness and recovery; and

Whereas: resiliency begins early in life within families and communities, and can be strengthened and reinforced throughout the life span; and

Whereas: it is essential that we educate residents about suicide, mental health and substance abuse problems and the ways they affect all people in our community; and

Whereas: we encourage relatives, friends, co-workers, and providers to recognize the signs of mental health issues, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports;
Now

Therefore: I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020 as National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month: "Finding Hope, Building Resiliency, Supporting Recovery".



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 8th day of September in the year of Our Lord 2020.

Mayor

Derek Norton