



# Proclamation

## Suicide Prevention Education Awareness Knowledge Week

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is ninth in the nation for suicide deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is now the second leading cause of all deaths in the state of Colorado among young people between the ages of 10-24; and

**WHEREAS**, 23% of Colorado high school students indicated feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more during a 12-month period; and

**WHEREAS**, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, The Brighton Youth Commission intends to expand citywide suicide prevention efforts and believes suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged; and

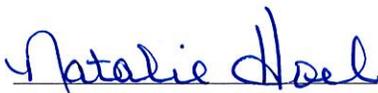
**WHEREAS**, together, we can increase awareness about suicide prevention, decrease its frequency, provide hope to survivors, and build a caring, supportive community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth J. Kreutzer, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 28 – May 4, 2019 as Suicide Prevention, Education, Awareness and Knowledge (S.P.E.A.K.) Week in the City of Brighton.

**DATED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.



**ATTEST:**

  
Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

**CITY OF BRIGHTON**



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