



Proclamation

S.P.E.A.K. Week

WHEREAS, Colorado is sixth 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, Richard N. McLean, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 1-5, 2017 as

Suicide Prevention, Education, Awareness and Knowledge (S.P.E.A.K.) Week

in the City of Brighton.

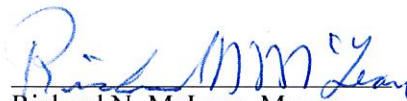
DATED this 18th day of April, 2017.



ATTEST:


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