



# 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.

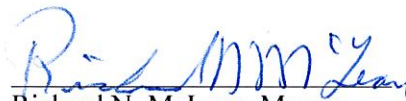
**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



ATTEST:

  
Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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