



BrightonSM

Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Education Awareness Knowledge 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, Kenneth J. Kreutzer, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 29 – May 5, 2018 as Suicide Prevention, Education, Awareness and Knowledge (S.P.E.A.K.) Week in the City of Brighton.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2018.



ATTEST:


Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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