



Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Education Awareness Knowledge Week

WHEREAS, Colorado is tenth in the nation for suicide deaths according to the latest CDC data; and

WHEREAS, according to The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-24 in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, 66% of communities did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2023, according to federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Colorado House Bill 21-1258 established a temporary behavioral health service program to provide access to mental health and substance use disorder services for youth; and

WHEREAS, The program, called "I Matter," funded by the Colorado Department of Human Services, provides up to six free behavioral health sessions for youth in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The Brighton Youth Commission (BYC) is working to increase citywide mental health awareness and suicide prevention efforts and believes such efforts should be developed and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, BYC founded SPEAK Week in 2012 after the tragic loss of a young man in the community and has developed and presented the program every year since to spread awareness of available resources and to break the stigma associated with mental health; 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 BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the Brighton City Council, do hereby proclaim April 28 – May 3, 2025, as Suicide Prevention, Education, Awareness and Knowledge (SPEAK) Week in the City of Brighton.


DATED this 15th day of April 2025.

CITY OF BRIGHTON



ATTEST:


Natalie Hoel, City Clerk


Gregory Mills, Mayor
Peter Padilla, Mayor Pro Tem
Tom Green
Matt Johnston
Jim Synder
Ann Taddeo
Chris Fiedler
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Lloyd Worth