

# CITY OF PASADENA



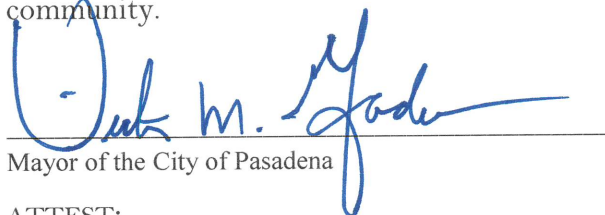
## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas* suicide is a national and statewide public mental health problem which occurs among all age groups and across all socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds, is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; and
- Whereas* in the United States, over 47,000 people die by suicide each year—and several thousand friends and family members are changed forever by losing those people; 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* suicide is preventable, and it is appropriate for a week to be set aside each year to dedicate our thoughts to improving the mental health of all Pasadena residents and raising awareness about suicide;

*Now, Therefore* I, Victor M. Gordo, Mayor of the City of Pasadena, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 5-11, 2021 in Pasadena as

### *National Suicide Prevention Week*

as addressing the mental health needs in Pasadena of seniors, adults, youth, children, and families is fundamental to having a healthy community.

  
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Mayor of the City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

