

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in Washington, the second leading cause of death nationwide among people 10-24; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of the more than 41,000 who die by suicide nationwide each year have a diagnosable mental health disorder and are vulnerable to suicidal thoughts; and

WHEREAS, friends and family can help prevent suicide by recognizing key indicators of mental illness or alcohol or drug use or knowing about a family history of suicide or violence; and

WHEREAS, education and prevention tools must be promoted so those at risk of attempting suicide can be identified; and

WHEREAS, effective treatment can make a difference in the successful management of mental illness so people can recover and lead full productive lives; and

WHEREAS, businesses, schools, government agencies, faith-based organizations, health care providers and citizens can help promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.


Now, therefore, this Board of County Councilors does hereby proclaim September as

~ *Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month* ~

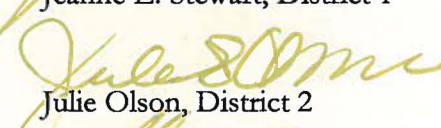
in Clark County, Washington and calls on residents to help increase suicide awareness by learning the signs and symptoms of suicide and referring people who may need help to appropriate resources and services.

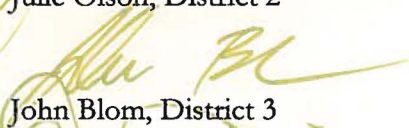
Signed this 29th day of August 2017


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