

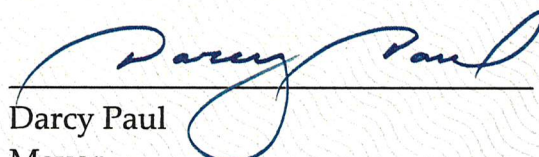
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States, and the City of Cupertino recognizes that suicide prevention should be a local, regional, and national responsibility shared by all;
- WHEREAS,** The United States observes National Suicide Prevention Month every September in efforts to raise awareness, spread hope, and share vital information to individuals, friends, and families;
- WHEREAS,** Social isolation and feelings of loneliness, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, are factors affecting the mental health outlooks of many in society, from students to adults to the elderly, and we need to acknowledge and focus upon the need to address these sentiments in a compassionate and sensitive manner;
- WHEREAS,** The City of Cupertino publicly places its full support behind those who work in the fields of mental health, education, law enforcement, and others who serve on the front lines fighting for suicide prevention and mental wellbeing;
- WHEREAS,** All residents of the City of Cupertino are urged to play a role in suicide prevention by learning the warning signs, supporting efforts to understand and help those who are undergoing challenges from social isolation and loneliness, how to get help for yourself or others, and understanding that one conversation can change another's life.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Darcy Paul, and the Cupertino City Council do hereby Proclaim the month of September 2022 as

National Suicide Prevention Month

in the City of Cupertino and call on all residents to check in on the wellbeing of our families, friends, and neighbors as we work together to create a healthier, stronger, and more supportive community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cupertino to be affixed this Tuesday, September Sixth, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.


Darcy Paul
Mayor