



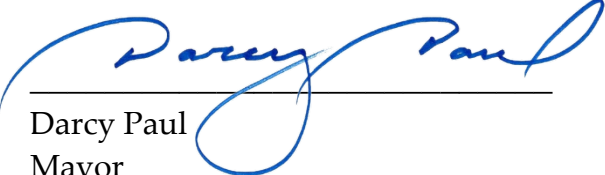
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that the overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased by 35% since 1999 as one death occurs every 11 minutes;
- 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,** Suicide affects people of all ages and can be prevented with education, resources, and healthy discussions that are open, honest, and supportive;
- 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, learning how to get help for yourself or others, and understanding that one conversation can change and even save another's life.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Darcy Paul, and the Cupertino City Council do hereby Proclaim the month of September 2021 as

National Suicide Prevention Month

in the City of Cupertino, and call on all residents to check in on the well-being 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 21, 2021.



Darcy Paul
Mayor