

Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, The City of Oakley recognizes September 2016 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, shedding light on those suffering with depression or other mental or behavioral health issues; and

WHEREAS, The health and well-being of all our citizens is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is a human tragedy that transcends socioeconomic status, age, gender, and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 and takes the lives of nearly 43,000 Americans every year; and

WHEREAS, Suicide has an everlasting impact on the survivors who are left to process the loss of their loved one and who are at the increased risk of suicide themselves; and

WHEREAS, Suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is preventable through increased knowledge about warning signs, timely intervention, and by limiting access to lethal means for those at risk; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County calls to action the Health Services Department, public officials, private health providers and hospitals, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and individuals within our communities to educate and take action to address this devastating public health issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kevin Romick, Mayor of the City of Oakley, jointly with the other members of the Oakley City Council, hereby recognize September 2016 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and encourage citizens to join in this important observance.

September 13, 2016

Kevin Romick, Mayor