



## ***Proclamation***

### ***Suicide Prevention Awareness Month***

***WHEREAS***, The City of Oakley recognizes September 2017 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 under the age of 44, and takes the lives of over 44,000 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, Sue Higgins, Mayor of the City of Oakley, jointly with the other members of the Oakley City Council, hereby recognize September 2017 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and encourage citizens to join in this important observance.

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Sue Higgins, Mayor