



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; it is a time to raise awareness of suicide prevention, share messages of hope, and remember lives lost by suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a critical public health issue, impacting individuals, families and communities, and ranks as the second leading cause of death among 10 to 44-year-olds in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable by starting a conversation, providing support, learning signs of mental distress, and directing people to the help they need; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri continues to find ways to help citizens who are struggling with thoughts of suicide through increased access to behavioral health crisis services such as mobile crisis response, behavioral health crisis centers, and community behavioral health centers; and

WHEREAS, Missourians in crisis can call, text, chat, or videophone the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 24/7 for free and confidential support from a trained crisis specialist who can provide ways to cope and offer ongoing resources; and

WHEREAS, September 8th is recognized as 988 Day, it is a time to raise awareness of the vital role of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families, as well as partner organizations, strives to advance suicide prevention efforts, including promoting the 22nd day of each month as "Missouri Buddy Check 22 Day" to promote education and awareness of the problems of suicide facing service members and Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Suicide Prevention Network (MSPN), a statewide leader in suicide prevention efforts, emphasizes that every Missourian plays a role in preventing suicide by knowing the warning signs and raising awareness of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 2025 to be

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 13th day of August 2025.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
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SECRETARY OF STATE