

# PROCLAMATION

BY MAYOR JOEL GREER

**WHEREAS**, September is recognized as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, to raise the visibility of mental health and proactive suicide prevention resources, to share a message of hope and healing, and to recognize that everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide affects people regardless of age, gender, or background. According to the CDC, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-24 and 24-34, with more than 49,000 people dying by suicide annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, with each death by suicide having a far-reaching direct impact on family members, friends, service members, and social media connections, we can assume that everyone has been impacted by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marshalltown is no different from any other community in the country, and chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind educators, mental health professionals, coaches, community leaders, first responders, and parents as partners in supporting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, local and state national organizations like Prairie Ridge, Center Associates, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) continue to raise awareness and provide education and training to support suicide-safe communities;

**WHEREAS**, help and support are available 24/7 via phone call, text, or chat from the 988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline - dial or text 9-8-8 and be connected to a crisis center or chat at 988lifeline.org - for people struggling with depression or suicidal thoughts, and for anyone who is concerned about a loved one or simply someone they know; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all staff, students, families, and community members to recognize the power of connection and support. You can bring hope for brighter days by reaching out. You are not alone;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** I, Joel T.S. Greer, Mayor of Marshalltown, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as

***"National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month"***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

Joel T.S. Greer, Mayor

