



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, and the 2nd leading cause among individuals ages 15-34;

WHEREAS, in 2024 Idaho had the 6th highest suicide rate in the United States, and suicide was the 7th leading cause of death in Idaho, claiming 437 lives statewide;

WHEREAS, Idaho's suicide rate is 1.6 times greater than the national average;

WHEREAS, Kootenai County recorded 49 suicide deaths in 2025, the highest number among the five northern counties, and through July 2026, 18 Kootenai County residents have died by suicide.

WHEREAS, up to 90 percent of those who die by suicide were experiencing symptoms of a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition that may have gone unrecognized or untreated;

WHEREAS, calling or texting 988 connects anyone in crisis to the Idaho Crisis and Suicide Hotline, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round.

WHEREAS, organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Coeur d'Alene, Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN) of North Idaho, North Idaho Crisis Center, Kootenai Behavioral Health, first responders, the Mobile Crisis Unit, and many others are committed to saving lives and providing hope through research, education, advocacy, awareness, and support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we:

1. Recognize suicide as a preventable public health issue and declare suicide prevention a priority;
2. Encourage alignment with the 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention ten-year plan and the 2024-2028 Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan;

FURTHERMORE, I, Alan Davis, Mayor of the City of Hayden, Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

in Hayden, Idaho, and encourage all citizens to work together to raise awareness, reduce stigma, support those in crisis, and bring hope to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Hayden to be affixed this 8th day of September 2026.

Alan Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Abbi Sanchez, City Clerk