

## National Suicide Prevention Month – September 2025

- WHEREAS, September is known as National Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to help raise awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources available in the community; and
- WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day is observed each year on September 10; and
- WHEREAS, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and
- WHEREAS, Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 49,000 people died by suicide in 2023; and
- WHEREAS, Michigan reported 1,503 deaths by suicide in 2023 with 162 of these individuals residing in Oakland County; and
- WHEREAS, Organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 988 work to help individuals in crisis and provide resources to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic; and
- WHEREAS, Every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and
- WHEREAS, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is committed to being a Zero Suicide organization and cultivates a network of providers who are engaged in the Zero Suicide philosophy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Oakland Community Health Network hereby recognizes September 2025 as National Suicide Prevention Month. OCHN calls upon our individuals, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, faith-based organizations, and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to assist individuals in crisis.