



**Proclamation
Designating
September 7-13, 2015
Suicide Prevention Week**

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12.8 minutes, with 41,149 deaths by suicide in our country during 2013;

WHEREAS, in our country, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds, and is the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, each person's death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with over 200,000 newly bereaved each year;

WHEREAS, in 2013, 1040 Arizonans died by suicide and several thousand friends and family members were changed forever by losing those people;

WHEREAS, many of those people who died may never have received effective behavioral health services for many reasons including the difficulty of accessing services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, the stigma of using behavioral health treatment and the stigma associated with losing a loved one to suicide;

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Coalition of the Verde Valley is comprised of representatives of behavioral health organizations, law enforcement agencies, faith communities, and citizen advocates who are all dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, and the pain for those affected by suicide deaths, through providing resources, education and support.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, do hereby designate September 7-13, 2015, as "Suicide Prevention Week" in the Verde Valley and urge everyone to learn how they can help because suicide prevention is everyone's business.

Passed and approved by a majority vote of the Common Council at the Regular Session of September 2, 2015.



Charles German, Mayor

Attest:



Virginia Jones, Town Clerk
Town Clerk

9-2-2015

Date

