

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is an immense form of suffering and one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, with more than 1,200 lives lost in Tennessee each year and an estimated 25 attempted suicides for each suicide death; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the twelfth leading cause of death in Tennessee, the third leading cause of death among youth and young adults aged 10 to 24, the fifth leading cause of death of adults aged 35-44, and the sixth leading cause of death of adults aged 45-54; and

WHEREAS, understanding the risk for human self-destruction can be reduced through awareness, education, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention has been declared a state priority by Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee Legislature; and

WHEREAS, 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, free, and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals; and

WHEREAS, a Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council has been appointed to coordinate the implementation of the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network is a grassroots collaboration of Tennesseans and organizations working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate the community about the warning signs of suicide, and ultimately reduce the rate of suicide in our state; and

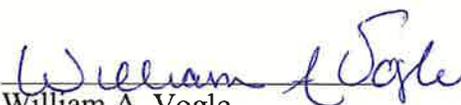
WHEREAS, every individual has the power to contribute to suicide prevention by recognizing and sharing the risks and warning signs, fostering open and stigma-free conversations that encourage help-seeking, promoting safe and responsible messaging around suicide, and connecting others to life-saving resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Vogle, as Robertson County Mayor, do hereby declare September 2025 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Robertson County, Tennessee, and do urge all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.




William A. Vogle
Robertson County Mayor