PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most tragic events a family or community can experience, claiming more than 1,200 lives in Tennessee each year and resulting in an estimated 25 suicide attempts for every suicide death; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death in Tennessee, the third leading cause of death among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24, the fourth leading cause of death among adults ages 35 to 44, and the eighth leading cause of death among adults ages 45 to 54; and

WHEREAS, awareness, education, treatment, and community engagement can all help reduce the risk of suicide, and every Tennessean can play a role by learning the warning signs, reducing stigma through safe messaging, and sharing available resources; and

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

WHEREAS, the 988 Lifeline has proved to be a true lifesaver for countless Tennesseans and has contributed to a significant reduction in suicide among youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) is a grassroots collaboration of Tennesseans and organizations working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate communities about the warning signs of suicide, and encourage all Tennesseans to become trained and actively participate in suicide prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Keith Hoover, as Robertson County Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Robertson County, Tennessee and encourage all our citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

Keith Hoover
Robertson County Mayor