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Morrow County Pledge for Zero Suicide

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death and is one of just three leading causes that are on the rise (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, June 2018), and

WHEREAS, although suicide prevention efforts largely focus on identifying and providing treatment for people with mental health conditions, there are many additional opportunities for prevention, and

WHEREAS, suicide claimed the lives of over 800 Oregonians each year, and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking life-saving health, and further traumatizes survivors of suicide, and

WHEREAS, local and state-wide suicide prevention efforts should be encouraged and developed through collaboration and integration to the maximum extent possible, and

WHEREAS, Community Counseling Solutions endorses the Zero Suicide model as a framework for organizational commitment to safer suicide care in health and behavioral health care systems, and

WHEREAS, suicides are preventable, now therefore be it


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on recommendation of Community Counseling Solutions (CCS), that Morrow County hereby signs onto the Zero Suicide Initiative to work with CCS to reduce the number of people dying by suicide, commits to sharing lessons learned with other counties to support Zero Suicide awareness and encourages all health and behavioral healthcare to participate in the Zero Suicide model.

Dated the 1st day of July 2020.

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