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**A Proclamation: Suicide Awareness Month, September 1<sup>st</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 & Suicide Prevention Week, September 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and community can experience. Suicide is a national, state and countywide public health problem that can be prevented; and

**WHEREAS**, each day more than 6 Texans die from suicide with more deaths overall by suicide than homicide; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in Texas and the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death among youth ages 15-24; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide does not discriminate against gender, age, or ethnicity. Statistics indicate males are more likely to die from a suicide attempt, than females. There is an increase in deaths by middle aged women and a growth for young African American males; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of firearm suicide remains the highest external cause of injury, followed by suffocation and poisoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of State Health Services report that Hunt County averages 10 to 15 deaths per year, since 2000. This not only produces a waste of human life but an untold suffering for the families and friends of those who die in this tragic way; and

**WHEREAS**, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help; and

**WHEREAS**, countywide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged. Utilizing tools and resources from national and state organizations such as; the American Association of Suicidology, National Action Alliance, Texas Suicide Prevention Network, and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center to educate and promote suicide prevention.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commissioner's Court of Hunt County, Texas does hereby designate the month of September, 2018 as Suicide Awareness Month and the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as Suicide Prevention Week and in doing so we encourage all citizens to take note of this worth observance.

Signed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

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