

# City of Statesville, North Carolina

## Office of the Mayor

### Proclamation

#### Suicide Prevention Awareness Month September 2025

**WHEREAS;** According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (A.F.S.P.), suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages 10 and 34 with more than 49,000 people dying by suicide annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS;** According to Hope for the Day, with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including friends, service members, family, social media connections, and neighbors we can safely assume everyone has been impacted by suicide;

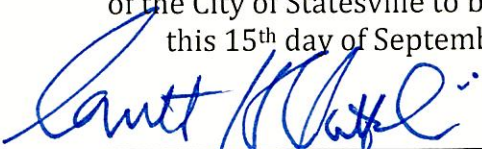
**WHEREAS;** the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Be Well Iredell through their collaboration, education, and unwavering support aspire to empower our residents with the protective tools they need to overcome challenges, and foster a safe nurturing environment where no person feels alone or forgotten;

**WHEREAS;** the leaders in the City of Statesville recognize that suicide is preventable, and no one should go through a suicide-related crisis alone, and are deeply committed to tackling the mental health challenges facing the residents of the City of Statesville and Iredell County;

**WHEREAS;** we encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor of the City of Statesville, do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2025** as **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month** in the City of Statesville.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF* I have set  
my Hand and caused the Great Seal  
of the City of Statesville to be affixed  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025

  
Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

