



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Suicide Prevention Week

September 8-15th 2019

Whereas, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12 minutes and 121 people die by suicide each day; and

Whereas, 20 United States Veterans die by suicide each day, hundreds of first responders die by suicide each and every year; and

Whereas, suicide is the second leading cause of death for New England residents ages 15-44; and

Whereas, suicide is a tragic and disruptive event for families and communities across the nation. It is estimated that there are 6.3 million suicide loss survivors who have lost a loved one to suicide; and

Whereas, suicide is a public health issue and a community concern, and through education and awareness of the issue, a great number of suicides can be prevented by working with our local healthcare institutions and advocates; and

Now therefore, I Kevin M. Scarpati, Mayor of the City of Meriden, Connecticut due hereby proclaim the week of September 8-15th 2019 as "Suicide Prevention Week"

in the City of Meriden and ask all of our citizens in need to take the time and seek out help, I further ask our citizens to teach awareness and ultimately give hope a chance for those most in need.

**Presented this 9th day of September 2019
at the Meriden City Hall, Meriden, Connecticut.**


Kevin M. Scarpati
Mayor

