



**Interoffice Memorandum
Department of City Clerk**

September 16, 2025

To: Melissa Sampey, City Council Pro Tem

Cc: City Council Members
Devin Adams, City Controller
Mayor Kevin Coleman

From: Shannon Inman, City Clerk

Re: **Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation**

At a regular meeting of the Westland City Council held September 15, 2025, the following resolution was adopted: (2025-09-199)

“RESOLVED that Council grants adoption of Prepared Proclamation to proclaim the month of September 2025 “Suicide Prevention Month” in the City of Westland.”

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September 2025: Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in 2023, the national suicide rate was 14.1 per 100,000 and the Michigan suicide rate was 14.9 per 100,000, with 1,530 Michigan residents dying by suicide; and,

WHEREAS, in 2023, Michigan firearm suicides accounted for 54.8% of suicide deaths; and,

WHEREAS, in 2022, 170 Michigan veterans died by suicide, a rate of 31.9 per 100,000, demonstrating the need for targeted, veteran-specific, suicide prevention measures and programs; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has established the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline coverage statewide to provide an easy-to-remember way for people experiencing behavioral health-related distress to access a strengthened and expanded network of crisis call centers, which has answered 242, 486 calls since July of 2022; and,

WHEREAS, surviving family and friends not only suffer the trauma of losing a loved one to suicide, but are at higher risk themselves for attempting suicide; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's federally funded Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention Program and Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men Program are committed to lowering the suicide rate among youth, young adults, and adult men by creating true, sustainable change in both state and local systems; and,

WHEREAS, With One Voice serves as a statewide connector, uniting coalitions, organizations, and advocates in pursuit of a shared mission – prevent suicide and increase hope and healing across the state; and,

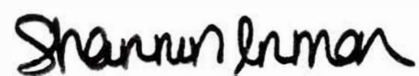
WHEREAS, With One Voice is organizing the Michigan Suicide Prevention Training Month with the goal of training thousands of residents in evidence-based suicide prevention skills; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan can reduce its suicide rate by employing best practices, supporting community involvement, and encouraging seeking help through open, direct, and honest talk about suicide;

NOW, THEREFORE, that the members of this City Council declare the month of September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Westland and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness that there is hope—suicide is preventable and mental illness is treatable.



Mike McDermott
President, Westland City Council



Shannon Inman
City Clerk, City of Westland