

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, a time to come together to raise awareness and promote the message that suicide is preventable; and

WHEREAS, understanding the issues surrounding suicide and mental health is an important way to help those in crisis and to change the conversation around suicide, reducing the stigma that often prevents people from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions, like suicidal thoughts, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, background, or social standing; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a serious public health issue, and everyone has a role to play in supporting fellow Americans who may be struggling with mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, community-wide efforts are crucial for building awareness, providing support, and connecting those in need with life-saving resources; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can empower individuals to reach out, encourage open conversation, and promote hope and healing within our community; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN

REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the month of September 2025 is hereby set aside as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" in Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Commission calls upon all citizens, government agencies, non-profit organizations, corporations, healthcare providers, and the faith-based community to:

- Raise awareness of the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.
- Help identify individuals in need of care and connect them with support services.
- Promote compassionate dialogue and support initiatives to strengthen the mental health of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be affixed on this the 2nd day of September 2025.

Com	missioner Matthew P. McKenzie, Chairman
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