

Resolution 14-519
Proclamation from the State of Tennessee
from the Office of the Mayor
Declaring September 2014 as
Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, with more than 900 lives lost in Tennessee each year and an estimated 8-25 attempted suicides for each suicide death; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 9th leading cause of all deaths in Tennessee and the second-leading cause of death among people from the age of 15 to 24 (source: Tennessee Department of Health); and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this terrifying problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life; and the risk of human self-destruction can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment; and as the highest risk for suicide is among the survivors of those who died by suicide or those who have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention has been declared a national priority by the President and Congress; and Tennessee declares suicide prevention as a state priority and the legislature, in partnership with TSPN, implements the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention based on the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is a national leader in the effort to prevent suicide, being one of the first states to develop a suicide prevention and evaluation plan covering the lifespan; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Tennessee has appointed a Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council to coordinate the implementation of the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network is a grassroots collaboration of Tennesseans and organizations working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate the community about the warning signs of suicide, and ultimately reduce the rate of suicide in our state; and

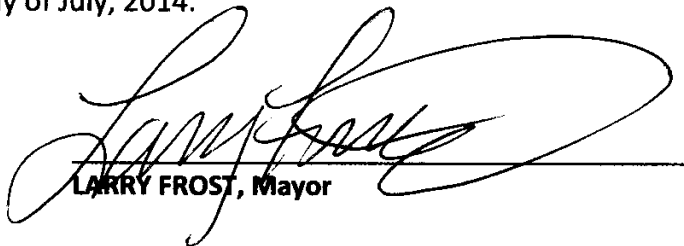
WHEREAS, the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network is also committed to excellence in suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry Frost, Mayor of the Town of Mount Carmel do hereby proclaim September 2014, as

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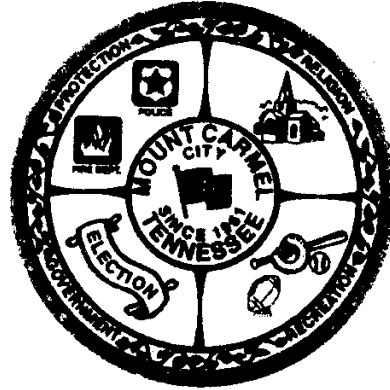
in Mount Carmel, Tennessee, and do urge all citizens to work to prevent suicide and to raise awareness and to

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of July, 2014.


LARRY FROST, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marian L. Sandidge
MARIAN SANDIDGE, Recorder



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Raines Jr.
C. CHRISTOPHER RAINES, JR.

FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Alderman Eugene Christian	✓		
Alderman Wanda Davidson	✓		
Alderman Leann DeBord			Absent
Alderman Frances Frost	✓		
Alderman Carl Wolfe	✓		
Vice Mayor L. Paul Hale	✓		
Mayor Larry Frost	✓		
TOTALS	6	0	1

PASSED: July 22, 2014