

Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Proclamation 2024-09-10

WHEREAS, Suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, with Colorado being the 6th leading state for suicide deaths; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is one of the leading causes of death, 3rd for young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in Colorado and the United States, claiming over 6,000 lives each year; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is one of the leading causes of death for all age groups over the age of 25 in Colorado and the United States, claiming over 49,000 lives a year; and

WHEREAS, Public awareness and education of this terrible problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life within families and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program is recognized as the symbol for awareness and prevention of suicide by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers, hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents and youth throughout the world, the heart in the center being for Survivors of Loss; and

WHEREAS, The Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program is now marking its 30th Anniversary of saving lives, Founded right here in Westminster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Westminster Public Schools Board of Education hereby proclaim September 8 - 14, 2024 as

**YELLOW RIBBON
SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK AND
SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

and urge all citizens to work to prevent youth suicide, wear a yellow ribbon, and to raise awareness and tolerance around all people affected by this tragedy.

Signed this 10th day of September, 2024

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