



# PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF

## National Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the Benicia Unified School District and other local organizations, in conjunction with the American Association of Suicidology, recognize that since 1975 National Suicide Prevention Month awareness events have been held corresponding with World Suicide Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States with a person dying by suicide every 12.8 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth ages 15-24; and

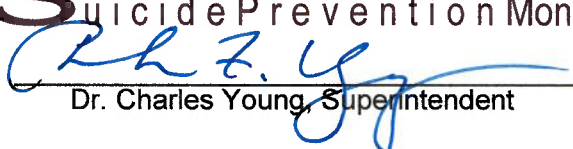
WHEREAS, for every reported death by suicide, there are approximately 12 documented attempts of self-harm; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable and prevention starts with recognizing the warning signs and taking them seriously; and

WHEREAS, the School District, City, community, and grass-roots efforts are essential to continue the fight against suicide and the loss of young lives; and

WHEREAS, reducing stigma by discussing suicide and raising the awareness of the warning signs and the resources available for those with suicidal thoughts are essential to continue lowering the rates of suicide of Benicia Youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Dr. Charles Young, Superintendent of Benicia Unified School District on behalf of the School Board, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as

**S**uicide Prevention Month  
  
Dr. Charles Young, Superintendent