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A Proclamation: Suicide Awareness Month, September 1st through 30th, 2019

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and community can experience. Suicide is a national, state and countywide public health problem that can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, each day more than 6 Texans die from suicide with more deaths overall by suicide than homicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in Texas and the 3rd leading cause of death among youth ages 15-24; and

WHEREAS, suicide does not discriminate against gender, age, or ethnicity. Statistics indicate males are more likely to die from a suicide attempt, than females. There is an increase in deaths by middle aged women and a growth for young African American males; and

WHEREAS, the rate of firearm suicide remains the highest external cause of injury, followed by suffocation and poisoning; and

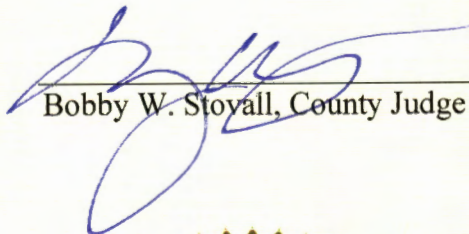
WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services report that Hunt County averages 10 to 15 deaths per year, since 2000. This not only produces a waste of human life but an untold suffering for the families and friends of those who die in this tragic way; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help; and

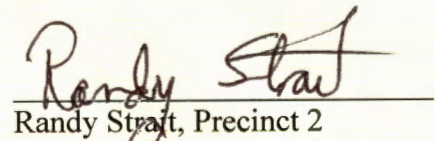
WHEREAS, countywide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged. Utilizing tools and resources from national and state organizations such as; the American Association of Suicidology, National Action Alliance, Texas Suicide Prevention Network, and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center to educate and promote suicide prevention.

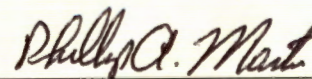
NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioner's Court of Hunt County, Texas does hereby designate the month of September, 2019 as Suicide Awareness Month and in doing so we encourage all citizens to take note of this worthy observance.

Signed on this 10th day of August, 2019.

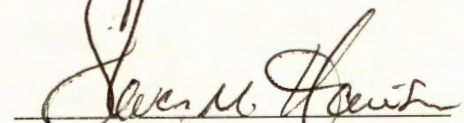

Bobby W. Stoyall, County Judge

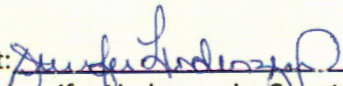
absent
Eric Evans, Precinct 1


Randy Strait, Precinct 2


Phillip Martin, Precinct 3




Steve Harrison, Precinct 4

Attest: 
Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk

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JENNIFER LINDENZWEIG
County Clerk, Hunt County, TX
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