Chilanation of Proclamation

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Chino, we recognize the month of September 2025, as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, shedding light on those suffering with depression or other mental or behavioral health issues; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all our citizens is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chino, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, and Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) recognize suicide is a human tragedy that transcends socioeconomic status, age, gender, and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. More than 49,000 people died by suicide in 2023. That is 1 death every 11 minutes, 12.8 million adults seriously thought about suicide, 3.7 million adults made a plan, and 1.5 million adults attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide has an everlasting impact on the survivors who are left to process the loss of their loved one and who are at the increased risk of suicide themselves; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable through increased knowledge about warning signs, timely intervention, and by limiting access to lethal means for those at risk; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible, and the City of Chino offers mental health services to youth, adults, and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUNICE M. ULLOA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHINO, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as:

"SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Chino and urge all citizens to continue to work to prevent suicide and to take action, know the signs, reach out, and know there is help and hope.

PRESENTED THIS 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

EUNICE M. ULLOA, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE GONZAGA, City Clerk