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## **Mayor Jacobs to Recognize National Suicide Prevention Month**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*—Knox County will observe National Suicide Prevention Month throughout September to continue efforts to increase the awareness and understanding of suicide and mental health in our community.

National Suicide Prevention Month is a time when mental health advocates, survivors, supporters, and the community join to promote suicide prevention awareness.

“Suicide is one of the top 10 leading causes of all deaths in the state and in this community,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “Even worse, it is one of the most common causes of death for 10- to 34-year-olds.”

A three-part public service announcement video series begins this week on Thursday, Sept. 14. Another will run on Sept. 21 and the third will air Sept. 28. The first PSA will share phone numbers people can contact anonymously for help, the second highlights actions to take to prevent suicide, and the third touches on warning signs and the resources available to help.

The videos will be posted to the Knox County and Mayor’s social media sites. The media is welcome to run them as well.

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