

# Town of Atherton



## Proclamation

### IN RECOGNITION OF DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, The City of Atherton will join the county, state and country in honoring Suicide Prevention Month (September), National Suicide Prevention Week (September 10-16) and World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10) to spread the message that suicide can be prevented; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, 67 people died by suicide in San Mateo County and 13,525 calls were received by the San Mateo County Crisis Line (run by Star Vista Crisis Center); and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Atherton residents are urged to play a role in supporting each other and preventing suicide by knowing the signs of suicide, finding the words to communicate and reaching out to local 24/7 resources, including our local San Mateo County Crisis Line (run by Star Vista Crisis Center) (call 650-579-0350 or visit [sanmateocrisis.org](http://sanmateocrisis.org)) or 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (call or text 988); and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Office of Diversity and Equity, Mayors Mental Health Initiative and partners are collectively organizing activities that our community can participate throughout September Suicide Prevention Month, including free in-person and virtual events, advocacy days and communication campaign. The 2023 theme is “Share Hope Together”. Ongoing updates posted at [www.SMCHHealth.org/SPM](http://www.SMCHHealth.org/SPM); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of The City of Atherton, State of California, hereby designates September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month and calls upon everyone in our community to find their role in suicide prevention.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Atherton to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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Bill Widmer, Mayor  
Town of Atherton