## TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-20

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS, SUPPORTING SEPTEMBER 2019 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH IN TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** one American dies by suicide every 12 minutes with nearly 47,200 deaths by suicide in our country during 2018; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.6 million years of life are lost to suicide and the combined medical and work-loss costs in the United States is \$69 billion per year; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans attempt suicide an estimated 1.4 million times annually, with 575,000 being teenagers and 24 percent of high school students surveyed have seriously considered suicide; and

**WHEREAS,** suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States, the second leading cause of death for ages 15-24 and the fourth leading cause of death for ages 35-54; and

WHEREAS, more teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease, combined and Veterans comprise 22.2 percent of suicides; and

**WHEREAS,** in the United States, 90 percent of those who die by suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of their death; and

**WHEREAS**, many of those people who died never received effective behavioral health services, for many reasons including the difficulty of access, the stigma of using behavioral health treatment and the stigma associated with losing a loved one to suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR C. NICK SANDERS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM:

## SEPTEMBER 2019 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Trophy Club, Texas, this 10th day of September 2019.

Holly Fimbres, Town Secretary
Town of Trophy Club, Texas

C. Nick Sanders, Mayor
Town of Trophy Club, Texas