

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH
RESOLUTION No. 9, 2021-2022**

**September 2021 as *Suicide Prevention Month* in the
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, *the Elk Grove Unified School District recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and supports actions in preventing suicidal ideation, attempts, and deaths: and*

WHEREAS, *according to the Centers for Disease Control, one person dies by suicide every 11.7 minutes, resulting in nearly 45,000 deaths each year in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and*

WHEREAS, *suicide is a preventable national, State and local public health problem; and*

WHEREAS, *providing a safe and nurturing school environment ensures both the physical and emotional safety of students and staff and minimizes suicidal ideation: and*

WHEREAS, *the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging person at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatize survivors of suicide loss and people with lived experience of suicide; and*

WHEREAS, *it is essential to educate and encourage students, staff and families to recognize the warning signs of suicide, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports; and*

WHEREAS, *the Month of September is National Suicide Prevention Month, which is a campaign in response to the need to raise awareness and prevention suicide and provide schools and communities with an opportunity to educate students, parents, and others about their role in suicide prevention; and*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District hereby supports the goals of National Suicide Prevention Month and will work with a broad spectrum of local community stakeholders, parents, students, teachers, and staff to raise awareness, build resiliency and find hope.*

Beth Albiani, President, Board of Education

August 10, 2021

Date

Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, Clerk, Board of Education

August 10, 2021

Date