

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 17th day of September 2026, with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: *Nancy Barrios, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan,
Bill Jutz, Matt Koch*

Commissioners Absent: *none*

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner *Koch*.
seconded by Commissioner *Jutz*.

RESOLUTION 2026-12 Suicide Prevention Proclamation

Designating September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month in Tuscola County

WHEREAS, more than 49,000 people die by suicide each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 132 suicides are completed daily and each one directly impacts an estimated 100 additional people, including friends, family, social media connections and neighbors, we can reasonably assume everyone has been affected by suicide;

WHEREAS, early intervention and access to quality care are crucial for preventing suicides and managing mental health conditions;

WHEREAS, Tuscola County publicly places its full support behind those who work in the field of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, We encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month in Tuscola County.

All residents of Tuscola county are encouraged to:

- **Educate themselves and others** about mental health conditions, suicide risks, treatment options, and available resources.
- **Challenge stigma** by speaking respectfully and inclusively about mental health.
- **Seek help** if they are struggling with their mental health and encourage others to do the same.
- **Support organizations** that provide mental health services and advocacy.
- **Create safe and supportive environments** for open conversations about mental health.
- Together, we can create a community where everyone feels empowered to prioritize their mental well- being and seek help when needed.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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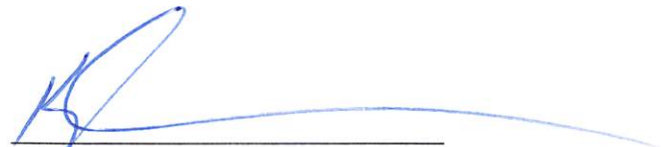
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

Yes: *Barrios, Bardwell, Jutz, Koch, Vaughan*

No: *none*

Absent: *none*

Date 9/17/2024


Kim Vaughan, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting Rynearson, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on September, 2026.

Date 9/17/2024


Jodi Fetting Rynearson
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO