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**MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION  
WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 4 – SEPTEMBER 10**

*Mount Laurel, NJ* --- On Monday August 8, Mount Laurel Township adopted a proclamation recognizing National Suicide Prevention Week from September 4 – September 10.

Suicide is the 12<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, affecting all age groups and socioeconomic classes. Suicide can be preventable by recognizing early warning signs and timely intervention.

“During the month of September, we pause to remember those we have lost to suicide. We encourage individuals to spread awareness of suicide prevention, and stand with survivors. Those individuals seeking treatment are not alone, and together we can help prevent suicide,” Mayor Pritchett stated.

“By calling to action our Health Services Department, private health providers and hospitals, faith-based organizations, and individuals within our community, we can educate and raise awareness to those struggling.” Deputy Mayor Steglik said.

“I am proud that Mount Laurel Township is a stigma-free community and supports individuals who seek treatment and are on the road to recovery. A wonderful organization called Out of Darkness will hold a suicide prevention walk on Saturday October 15, bringing awareness to those who are struggling or lost loved ones.” Councilwoman Cohen said after the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution took effect immediately after adoption.

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