Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: September 2026

WHEREAS, the month of September is nationally recognized as "**Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**," providing an opportunity to talk openly about suicide prevention and essential community services and to recognize that every life lost to suicide deeply impacts families and the entire Fort Bend community.

WHEREAS , Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and in 2024, 48,824 Americans died by suicide and approximately 2.2 million attempts; *and*

WHEREAS, effective suicide prevention and mental health promotion requires a comprehensive approach that includes prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery supports, and postvention. As the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) states, "*Suicide prevention is not one moment or one person's job.*" Everyone can play a role in increasing awareness of risk factors and warning signs, decreasing stigma to encourage early help-seeking, and inspiring action to ensure continued access to critical mental health services; *and*

WHEREAS, working together across agencies and sectors is critical to suicide prevention in our community. Additionally, we recognize the work of many Fort Bend County departments, such as Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services, and community organizations that are dedicated to reducing the loss of life and the pain of survivors affected by suicide through educational programs, interventions and an interconnected community committed to saving lives; *and*

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County advocates for the well-being of its residents by rallying behind local educators, first responders, mental health professional, and those affected by this grave issue; *and*

WHEREAS, September 10, 2026, is World Suicide Prevention Day, a day to foster and encourage open conversations about suicide and to ensure that suicide prevention and mental health promotion remain a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Daniel Wong, Fort Bend County Judge and the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, do hereby recognize on this 10th day of September 2026,

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in Fort Bend County, Texas