

TOOELE COUNTY COMMISSION

Proclamation

FEBRUARY 12, 2020 SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS
A #DAYOFHOPE IN TOOELE COUNTY, UTAH
DEDICATED TO PROVIDING HOPE TO THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Whereas, suicide prevention and mental health has been at the forefront of national, state, and county attention; and

Whereas, suicide has consistently been the number one cause of death among Utah youth ages 10 to 17 years old; and

Whereas, in 2017, Utah ranked sixth in the nation in suicide with a rate of 22.74 suicides per 100,000 population; and

Whereas, over 12 times as many people died by suicide in Utah than in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents; and

Whereas, we recognize the importance of hope for those struggling with mental health issues; and

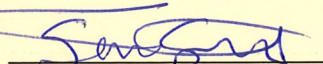
Whereas, we are all part of a call to action that will help make history as students, families, businesses, community centers, and others all come together to celebrate a day dedicated to providing hope and empowering those struggling with mental health issues.

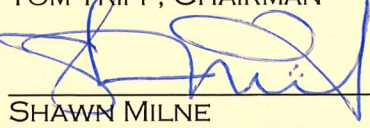
Now therefore, We, the Board of County Commissioners of Tooele County, proclaim that February 12, 2020 shall be recognized as a #DayofHope as the county joins a movement to help change the way people think about mental health and suicide prevention for generations to come.

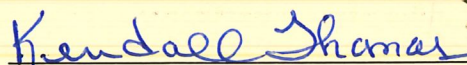
Proclaimed this 3rd day of December 2019 by the undersigned:

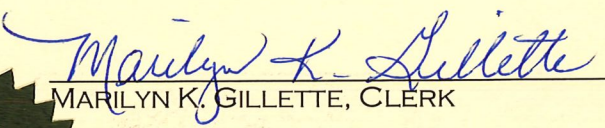
TOOELE COUNTY COMMISSION:

ATTEST:


TOM TRIPP, CHAIRMAN


SHAWN MILNE


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MARILYN K. GILLETTE, CLERK





#DAYOFHOPE: HAVE TOOELE COUNTY HELP LIGHT UP THE STATE

Dear Commissioners,

This year, on Wednesday February 12th, 2020, we are part of a call to action that will change the calendar and help make history. We are celebrating a day dedicated to providing hope – when students, families, businesses, community centers and more, will all come together for #DayofHope – a movement to empower those struggling with mental health issues and recognize the importance of hope when struggling with mental health issues. Suicide prevention and mental health has already been at the forefront of national attention, particularly in the state of Utah and Tooele County. Suicide has consistently been the number one cause of death among Utah youth ages 10 to 17 years old.

In 2017, Utah ranked 6th in the nation in suicide. The national rate of suicide in Utah is 22.74 per 100,000 populations, a rate of 8.74 higher than the national average. Over twelve times as many people died by suicide in Utah than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents. It is of the utmost importance that this matter be brought to the forefront of our communities.

As a representative of the Hope Squad from Stansbury High School, and in behalf of all the Hope Squads in Tooele County, we would like to respectfully request that Tooele County proclaim February 12th, 2020 as a #DayofHope. As a county we can really help to make #DayofHope something that will change the way we think about mental health and suicide prevention for generations to come.

The campaign provides a framework and ideas for people to choose their own best way to contribute to their communities and will provide the citizens of our beautiful community with an opportunity to empower their friends and family members with mental health issues.

For additional information, please visit the website at www.hope4utah.org. It would truly be an honor to have Tooele County formally proclaim #DayofHope as a day of empowerment. Thank you for considering our request.

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