

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the most recent U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs study, approximately 20 veterans die by suicide every day in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans face a disproportionate risk of suicide when compared to the general population; and

**WHEREAS**, the highest risk for suicide is among younger veterans, especially those who served on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide affects each and every one of us in some way and it is up to us to help those we love by being good neighbors, friends and family members, if we are to protect our veterans from such a tragic fate.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim the month of February to be

## **VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Medford, and I encourage all residents to recognize the seriousness of suicide and the steps we can take to protect our friends and families from such tragedy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I hereunto set my hand this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Sparacino", is written over the printed name.

Randy Sparacino  
Mayor of Medford