

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER AS “UP GOES PURPLE” MONTH TO RAISE AWARENESS OF OPIOID ADDICTION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY TO ASSIST IN SUICIDE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to §4-103 and §5-202 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town of University Park (hereinafter, the “Town”) has the power to adopt resolutions as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, opioid addiction is at an epidemic level in the United States, having cost the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, and is a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a problem that touches the lives of many Americans. Over the past two decades, suicide rates have steadily risen in the United States. Suicide is currently ranked 10th for cause of death among all ages; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of opioid abuse and suicide have far reaching consequences in families, communities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to recognize the lives lost to opioid addiction and overdoses and suicide, by resolving to combat these epidemics through a public awareness campaign each September; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park does hereby resolve as follows:

1. In recognition of the lives lost to opioid addiction and overdoses and suicide, the Town of University Park hereby announces its resolve to combat these epidemics through a public awareness campaign each September.

2. September is hereby designated as "UP Goes Purple" month to raise awareness of opioid addiction and its consequences and to empower our youth and community to take a stand against substance abuse, and
3. September is hereby designated "UP Suicide Awareness" month to educate the public on resources that are available to the community to combat this epidemic, and
4. Town residents are encouraged to display purple lights and wear purple gear to show support for the annual "UP Goes Purple" campaign, and
5. The Town will provide public service information to Town residents on avoidance of opioid addiction and suicide awareness and prevention resources each September.

APPROVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park at a

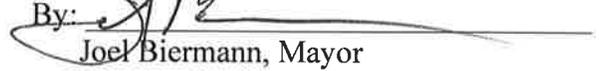
regular meeting on the 18th day of July, 2022.

EFFECTIVE the 1st day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:


Alicandra Hegeman, Town Clerk

MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

By: 
Joel Biermann, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney