



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Please submit Agenda Request Form, **including back up information**, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: September 10, 2018
Submitted by: Town Council Chairman Finlay
Rothhaus and Vice Chair Tom Koenig
Department:
Speakers:

Date of Meeting: September 27, 2018

Time Required: 10 minutes

Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/ Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to issue a proclamation designating September as "National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" to promote awareness of suicide prevention resources available to our community and to learn how to help prevent suicide.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:
Other:	N/A

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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APPROVAL



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April 24, 2018

Dear Fellow Elected Official:

My name is Joel Frieders, and I am a second-term alderman for the United City of Yorkville, Illinois, the county seat of Kendall County located in Chicago's far western suburbs. I am writing to my fellow elected officials to ask for your consideration in reading the attached proclamation at a public meeting sometime within the month of September 2018 in support of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

On July 28, 2017, I lost another friend of mine to suicide and since then I have been unable to shake the idea that I should be doing something to help stop these preventable tragedies from happening. As I am not a professional mental health counselor, I find my strengths in communication afford me the ability to reach out to you directly, so I hope you take a few minutes to read this and get this ball rolling in your community before September 2018.

This is the second year that I have personally taken on the task of getting as many municipalities as humanly possible to join the United City of Yorkville in showing support for those counselors, educators, coaches, and police officers that assist in the all-important job of preventing suicide. While this gesture isn't much, it's important to me that I not lose another friend to suicide.

It is my and my Yorkville colleagues' intention to help rid the world of the stigma of uncomfortable topics. If you as an elected official can remind your constituents that it's OK to not be OK, and that there are people trained in discussing matters most find uncomfortable, maybe you will have a hand in saving the life of someone you love.

All it takes is to edit the attached proclamation with the name of your municipality, place it on an agenda sometime around September 2018, and read it aloud at a public meeting. And speaking from experience, I can tell you that this is as easy as forwarding this letter on to your awesome City Clerk and asking that this be included at the appropriate time come late summer.

Fellow Elected Official

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In 2017, 24 cities across Illinois joined the United City of Yorkville in addressing this issue via elected officials publicly reading and discussing the proclamation.

- Aurora
- Batavia
- Burbank
- Burlington
- Dekalb
- Evanston
- Freeport
- Geneva
- Highland Park
- Joliet
- Lockport
- Montgomery
- Morris
- Naperville
- North Aurora
- Oswego
- Plano
- Prospect Heights
- Rochelle
- Rock Island
- St. Charles
- Sycamore
- West Chicago
- Wheaton

In addition to these incredible communities, the counties of Kane and Kendall, as well as the State of Illinois, all adopted the proclamation in support of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. We were also grateful to learn that the city of Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Caton, Georgia took it upon themselves to read the proclamation.

With your participation, now and into the future, every year that we take the time to address it, we help build a strong foundation of thoughtful municipal government and a thoughtful community, reminding our constituents that we're all human and we're all in this together.

Sincerely,

Joel Frieders
Alderman, Ward 3
United City of Yorkville

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE

PROCLAMATION

September Is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS; September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and

WHEREAS; Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS; According to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; and

WHEREAS; Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

WHEREAS; Yorkville, Illinois is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and

WHEREAS; local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Gary J. Golinski, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the United City of Yorkville.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2018, A.D.



Gary J. Golinski, Mayor