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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2016 AS MILITARY AND VETERANS
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, suicide prevention is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family or community can experience; and

WHEREAS, heightened awareness and education will encourage the development of strategies and support programs to help prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, veteran suicide rate is fifty percent higher than those who did not serve in the military; and

WHEREAS, Deschutes County has many agencies, professional staff and trained volunteers, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other veteran organizations who provide front line support in the fight against suicide; and

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, Deschutes County encourages research on all suicide and suicide prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners hereby designates September 2016 as **Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Month** in Deschutes County.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS hereby urges all citizens throughout the month of September to educate themselves about suicide and suicide prevention, by learning the signs and symptoms of suicide; and by learning the resources available to assist in suicide prevention.

Dated this _____ day of August 2016 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Alan Unger, Chair

Tammy Baney, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

Anthony DeBone, Commissioner