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## 758-2022

Proclamation

### Proclaim September 2022 to be Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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Whereas, Suicide prevention is everyone's business. You can get trained to help for free at [Get Trained To Help](#). Most importantly, when an individual is at risk for suicide, help is available 24/7 by calling the Multnomah County Behavioral Health Call Center at 403-988-4888 or the national suicide prevention line 1-800-273- TALK (8255).

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#### Introduced by

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#### Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

#### Date and Time Information

**Requested Council Date**

September 14, 2022

**Requested Start Time**

9:45 am

**Time Requested**

20 minutes

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## Documents and Exhibits

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## Agenda Items

**758 Time Certain in September 14, 2022 Council Agenda**

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