

PROCLAMATION

Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life Month

WHEREAS, the *Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life* movement presents an ideal opportunity to help bridge the gap between young people, our local community, government, and law enforcement in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, our local schools are facing preventable suicides and tragedies that may include warning signs in person or online, but bystanders and friends remain silent among threats or cries for help; and

WHEREAS, our young people can be empowered to seek help for themselves, be advocates for their peers, report concerning posts or comments to school representatives or law enforcement, and adults can receive training to help spread the message it is okay to care enough to speak up, stand up and save a life; and

WHEREAS, Arizona students from 169 public, charter, private and tribal schools have learned the message and created student-led impact projects in their schools and communities that have impacted over 500,000 youth in the state of Arizona.

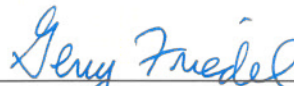
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerry M. Friedel, Mayor, along with the Council of Fountain Hills, do hereby proclaim the month of January as:

SPEAK UP, STAND UP, SAVE A LIFE MONTH

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Arizona schools, students, parents, educators, police departments, and community organizations are encouraged to coordinate a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer and promote a healthy environment for all children and adolescents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Fountain Hills, Maricopa County, Arizona this 20th day of January, 2026.




Gerry M. Friedel, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk