

P R O C L A M A T I O N
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2019 AS
VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, according to the most recent U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs study, approximately 20 veterans die by suicide every day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, veterans face a disproportionate risk of suicide when compared to the general population; and

WHEREAS, the highest risk for suicide is among younger veterans, especially those who served on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the risk of suicide can be reduced through awareness, proper education, resources, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, suicide affects each and every one of us in some way and it is up to us to help those we love by being good neighbors, good friends and good family members if we are to protect our veterans from such a tragic fate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William V. Lee, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2019 to be VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH and encourage all residents of Fort Bragg to recognize how serious suicide is and the steps each of us can take to protect those around us from such tragedy.

SIGNED this 11th day of February, 2019.

William V. Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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