



CITY OF SANTA FE

Memorandum

Date: August 21, 2025

To: Governing Body, Public Works and Utilities Committee, Quality of Life Committee, and Governing Body

From: Andrea Phillips, Deputy City Manager

Via: Mark Scott, City Manager

RE: Increases in Accessibility to Crisis Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of participation in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, the proposed resolution directs the City Manager to work with the necessary City of Santa Fe (“City”) departments to take the following actions:

- 1) Print all future City employee identification cards with mental health and crisis support resource information.
- 2) Explore re-printing current employee identification cards with suicide prevention and crisis support information.
- 3) Explore creating suicide prevention awareness signage for City-owned buildings, including identifying appropriate content for the signs and ways to appropriately post and maintain the signs so that employees and community members who are inside City-owned buildings have access to potentially life-saving support services.

BACKGROUND:

The most recent available data from the New Mexico Department of Health, provides the following context for this proposal: New Mexico has consistently maintained one of the highest suicide rates in the United States. In 2022, nearly 25 of every 100,000 New Mexicans died by suicide. Over the past decade, suicide deaths in New Mexico have increased by eighteen percent, rising from four hundred thirty-five deaths in 2012 to five hundred thirteen deaths in 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Impact Report