

Mayor Nancy Smith

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 the student-led impact projects in their schools and communities that have impacted over 500,000 youth in the state of Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of **January 2025 as “Speak Up, Stand Up, Save A Life Month”** in the City of Maricopa, Arizona and encourage our community members, educators and police department to continue to partner collaboratively to increase awareness of prevention resources designed to make our communities safer and promote a healthy environment for all children and adolescents.

Dated this 21st day of January 2025

Nancy Smith, Mayor