

September 20, 2022

Item No. 19
Resolution No.

The following Resolution was moved by
and seconded by :

Resolution Recognizing National Suicide Prevention
Month and Designating September 22, 2022 as Veterans
Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day.

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized as National Suicide
Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, the estimated
loss of life by suicide was ranked 11th in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Office of Mental Health
and Suicide Prevention’s 2021 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report indicated
that Veteran suicides now represent 13.7% of suicides among U.S. adults and the average
number of Veteran suicides per day rose 4.5% over an 18 year period [2001 to 2019]; and

WHEREAS, that same report indicates that suicides overall among U.S. adults
increased from 29,580 to 45,861 over the same 18 year period [2001 to 2019], representing an
approximate 55% increase; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2021, Governor Hochul signed Senate Bill
S6194B, also known as the 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Act, which
established the 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health hotline where individuals can connect
directly to trained suicide prevention counselors for critical support; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that raising awareness for the mental
health of all its residents, including its veterans, is of vital importance to the social fabric of this
City, as is the remembrance and acknowledgment of those lives lost to suicide and those
impacted by losing a loved one to suicide;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Long Beach, New York that the
City of Long Beach hereby recognizes National Suicide Prevention Month and designates
September 22, 2022 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Long Beach shall cause all flags flown by the City
to be at half-mast on that day.