

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the City of Olathe is committed to building a healthy community, where people feel safe and connected and have the ability to reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** we acknowledge the rising demand for mental health and substance use services, and recognize the need for additional resources for individuals experiencing mental health crises, and identify co-responders as an emerging, effective practice; and
- WHEREAS,** Olathe established the first Johnson County co-responder program in 2011 to embed mental health clinicians with Olathe police officers to respond collaboratively to individuals in crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** our co-responder program has expanded into the Advanced Crisis-Intervention Team, a full-time behavioral health unit with a police captain, two police sergeants, eight police officers, and four co-responders; and
- WHEREAS,** Olathe co-responders serve our citizens by providing the right intervention at the right time to divert arrests, emergency room visits, and repeat 911 calls.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of their service to our community, I, John Bacon, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim the week of September 15th to 22nd, 2024 as

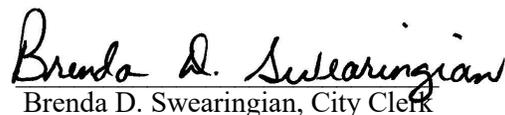
CO-RESPONDER AND CRISIS RESPONDER WEEK

in Olathe, in conjunction with the Olathe Police Department, Johnson County Mental Health Center, and the International Co-Responder Alliance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this 3rd day of September, 2024.



John W. Bacon, Mayor



Brenda D. Swearingian, City Clerk