



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

**Resolution # 2021-186**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Wilkins**

**Seconded by Councillor Cowell**

THAT Southwest Middlesex Council endorse the County of Middlesex's initiative regarding the 988 Crisis Hotline.

*"Moved by Councillor Elliott*

*Seconded by Councillor Warwick*

*WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;*

*AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;*

*AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;*

*AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;*

*AND WHEREAS The County of Middlesex recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The County of Middlesex endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.*

*Carried."*

**Carried**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Denny Gills'.

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Deputy Clerk

July 5, 2021