The City of Albuquerque is honored to participate in the Mayor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families. This was a challenge presented to the City of Albuquerque by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs due to the suicide rate in our community.

Participation in the Mayor’s Challenge provides us with additional tools to advance our efforts in suicide prevention among our Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. At our monthly meetings that are open to the public, we have been working diligently with community partners to implement proven suicide prevention strategies. For more information about the dates and location, please go to www.cabq.gov/SMVF. Or contact Thomas Tozier, our Military and Veteran Liaison, at ttozier@cabq.gov or (505) 768-3000.

In collaboration with our local partners, we have created a new name for our challenge. The Mayor’s Collaborative on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Among Service Members, Veterans, & their Families. This better reflects our ongoing commitment to the well-being of our Veterans & Service Members.

No one can do this alone, not a single organization, or person. That is why I am asking you to be a part of the Mayor’s Collaborative on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Among Service Members, Veterans, & their Families. We ask that you join our efforts in implementing policies and programs to prevent suicide and facilitate connections to mental health resources.

We look forward to working with you to help Albuquerque’s Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Together, as One Albuquerque, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Keller
Mayor