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I wholeheartedly and passionately support making October 9th Oregon Youth Suicide Awareness Day. As a family friend of Mikalynn Morris and as a parent who has personally faced the heartbreaking reality of my own child attempting to take her life at the tender age of 14, this cause is deeply personal to me. No family should have to endure such pain, and no child should ever feel so lost and alone. As a society, we must do more—we must break the silence, erase the stigma, and ensure that every young person knows they are seen, heard, and valued. If this effort saves even one precious life, it will be worth everything. Our children deserve that chance, and we owe it to them to fight for it.