

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER, 2019 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, which directs the public's attention to this public health epidemic that is destroying lives, families and even whole communities; and,

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death in the U.S. among individuals age 10 to 34-years-old; and,

WHEREAS, suicide is the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 54; and,

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death overall in the U.S., claiming the lives of over 47,000 people annually; and,

WHEREAS, suicide is an epidemic that may co-occur with depression; and depression is being linked in more than 50 percent of suicides; and,

WHEREAS, on average, there are 129 suicides a day or 1 every 11.11 minutes. In Indian River County, there were 31 suicides in 2018; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only death that is 100% preventable. By offering the public education, data, support, and services that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, we as a community have taken a step toward preventing another suicide by our residents; and,

WHEREAS, we as a community are encouraged to be part of the healing process and we support services addressing suicide prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that September, 2019, be designated as **SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH** in the County of Indian River, Florida and ask all residents to learn how they may help, because suicide prevention is everyone's business.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2019.

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