

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER, 2020 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, which directs the community's attention to this public health epidemic destroying lives, whole families and sometimes entire 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 tenth leading cause of death overall in the U.S., claiming the lives of over 47,000 people annually; and,

WHEREAS, on average, there are 123 suicides a day or 1 every 12 minutes. In Indian River County, there were 29 suicides in 2019 or 1 death every 12.6 days; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only type of death that is 100% preventable; and by offering the public education, data, support, and services we as a community have taken a step toward preventing another suicide by our residents; and,

WHEREAS, we are honored to be part of the healing process, supporting services and addressing mental health illnesses and drug and alcohol addiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that September, 2020, be designated as **SUICIDE PREVENTION 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 15th day of September, 2020.

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