

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, Suncoast Mental Health Center seeks to increase awareness and encourage continued discussion and action regarding mental health matters such as suicide, recognizing that greater awareness is critical; and

WHEREAS, the total number of suicides has increased statewide from 1995 to 2014. South Florida has more suicides than murders and traffic fatalities combined, yet the stigma prevents open discussions; and

WHEREAS, September 10th has been known as World Suicide Prevention Day since 2003 as supported by the International Association of Suicide Prevention, of which the United States is represented along with 52 other countries worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that September 10, 2017, be designated as

SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY

in the County of Indian River, Florida and ask all citizens to observe this day by re-educating themselves about risk factors and resources, speaking up when someone they know is struggling, offering support and caring words to those around them, remembering those who have chosen to no longer be with us, and reaffirming the importance of working together to keep the community healthy.

Adopted this 15th day of August, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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