

# PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER, 2018 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12.8 minutes, with close to 45,000 reported deaths by suicide in our country during 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, in our country, suicide is the second leading cause of death for 10-34 year olds, and is the tenth leading cause of death for people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, in Indian River County, the suicide rate is 14.8 percent with 48 "reported" suicides in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, each person's death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with over 200,000 newly bereaved each year; and

**WHEREAS**, far too many Floridians die by suicide each year, and most of these deaths are preventable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that September, 2018, 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 11th day of September, 2018.

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

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