

Proclamation

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2024 AS 2-1-1 AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, 2-1-1 helpline and crisis line continues to be that beacon of hope providing life-saving crisis support and guidance when people are overwhelmed and don't know where to turn; and

Whereas, during these challenging times that include pandemic impact and economic instability and recent hurricanes, 2-1-1's caring and highly trained staff have been the frontline responders 24/7 through it all; and

Whereas, people of all ages and walks of life are reaching out for their growing struggles with mental & emotional health, addiction, housing, health and other concerns, and 2-1-1 staff listen to each and every person to provide available resource options and to help them strategize and problem solve; and

Whereas, 2-1-1 also has specialized advocacy and support programs for the community that include Caregiver Support, Help Me Grow and 2-1-1's life-saving "Sunshine" daily phone calls which continue to brighten the lives of isolated seniors and caregivers; and

Whereas, 2-1-1 also responds to the 988 Lifeline number and support lines that include First Responders and MYFLVET for veterans with peer-to-peer support providing assistance to these specialized groups and their families.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that February, 2024, is designated as 2-1-1 Awareness Month in Indian River County, and that the Board reminds all citizens who are overwhelmed, in crisis, or just in need of a talk, that 2-1-1 is available at any time to provide referrals for mental health counseling, substance abuse, health care, employment, food assistance, day care, support groups, volunteering, free income tax preparation, and so much more.

Adopted this 20th day of February 2024.

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