

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### **Declaring December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as “Alachua County Crisis Center Day” in Alachua County, Florida**

- Whereas,* in December 1969, the Suicide and Crisis Intervention Service was opened under a National Institute of Mental Health grant to provide suicide prevention services to this community; and
- Whereas,* in 1975, this program became a County operation and was renamed the Alachua County Crisis Center; and
- Whereas,* over 3000 people have volunteered with the Crisis Center during the last 50 years; and
- Whereas,* those volunteers have provided in excess of 1,000,000 service hours to our community; and
- Whereas,* the Crisis Center has had more than 1,500,000 contacts with people in distress; and
- Whereas,* throughout the last 50 years, there have been numerous tragedies and times of community distress to which the Crisis Center has provided information and support; and
- Whereas,* volunteers continue to provide 24/7 crisis intervention support to people in distress throughout North Central Florida; and
- Whereas,* the Crisis Center receives an average of 40,000 calls a year from citizens in distress; and
- Whereas,* the Crisis Center is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and
- Whereas,* the Crisis Center has built partnerships over the last 50 years with mental health organizations, all local law enforcement agencies, Alachua County Schools, the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, and many others; and
- Whereas,* these partnerships led to incredible collaborations and care for our community; and
- Whereas,* the Crisis Center is accredited and has been nationally recognized by the American Association of Suicidology and has been involved in the development and evolution of crisis work and training programs throughout the nation.

***Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as “Alachua County Crisis Center Day” in Alachua County, Florida.***

*Duly proclaimed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 2019.*

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.