

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring September 8th through 14th, 2019 as "Suicide Prevention Week" in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,* it is critical to raise awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death on a global level; and
- Whereas,* in the United States, approximately 129 people die by suicide each day, with 47,173 deaths by suicide in our country during 2017; and
- Whereas,* in our country, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for those 10 to 24 years old, and is the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages; and
- Whereas,* the State of Florida ranked 37th in the rate of death by suicide and in Alachua County 42 people died by suicide in 2018; and
- Whereas,* each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and
- Whereas,* suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action; and
- Whereas,* the Alachua County Crisis Center received 42,283 calls last year from citizens in distress; and
- Whereas,* the Alachua County Crisis Center is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and
- Whereas,* all individuals should be aware of the warning signs and feel empowered to seek help for themselves, loved ones, co-workers, friends; and
- Whereas,* no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide.

***Now, therefore,* through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim September 8th through 14th, 2019 as "Suicide Prevention Week" in Alachua County, Florida.**

Duly proclaimed this 27th day of August, A.D., 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Clerk