

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, 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:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Clerk