

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring September 2021 as “Suicide Prevention Month” in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,** suicide is a significant public health issue and we can all work together to support and protect our community; and
- Whereas,** in the United States there were almost 47,511 deaths by suicide during 2019; and
- Whereas,** in our country, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for those aged 15-24, and the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages; and
- Whereas,** 3,465 people in Florida died by suicide in 2019; it is the 8th leading cause of death in our state; and
- Whereas,** each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and
- Whereas,** the Crisis Center received over 53,000 calls in 2020; and
- Whereas,** the challenges surrounding the impact of COVID-19 will make mental health and suicide prevention efforts even more critical; and
- Whereas,** the Alachua County Crisis Center offers 24-hour crisis intervention support through phone, face-to-face including mobile response, and tele-health options; and
- Whereas,** the Alachua County Crisis Center is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, to reduce 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, everyone is 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 2021 as “Suicide Prevention Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 14th day of September, A.D., 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Ken Cornell, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Clerk