



- Whereas, Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; and
- Whereas, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; and
- Whereas, in 2016, Florida experienced 3,122 suicide deaths; and
- Whereas, in 2016, Monroe County, experienced 19 suicide deaths; and
- Whereas, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking lifesaving help; and
- Whereas, organizations such as The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research education, advocacy and resources for those who have lost or struggled with suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor and Jimmy Weekley, District I City Commissioner do hereby proclaim the month of September 2017 as

## National Suicide Prevention Month

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of September, 2017.

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Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner

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Craig Cates, Mayor