



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health challenge that causes immeasurable pain to individuals, families, and communities across our state and country; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, suicide was the 8<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the State of Florida (Centers for Disease Control); and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 22 people died by suicide in Monroe County (Centers for Disease Control); and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; 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 struggle

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Teri Johnston along with Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover and the entire City Commission of the City of Key West do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

# Suicide Prevention Month

In the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States.”

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14th day of September 2021.

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Teri Johnston,  
Mayor

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Mary Lou Hoover,  
City Commissioner