



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in 2018 suicide was the 8th leading cause of death in the State of Florida with 3,552 Florida residents dying by suicide, of which 16 approximately 16% were veterans; and

Whereas, in Florida, on average, one person dies by suicide every three hours; and

Whereas, in 2018, Monroe County, experienced 35 suicide deaths which is a rate of 34.9% - the highest of all 67 counties in Florida; 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; Commissioners Jimmy Weekley, District I; Sam Kaufman, District II; Billy Wardlow, District III; Greg Davila, District IV, Mary Lou Hoover, District 5 and Clayton Lopez, District VI, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019 as

Suicide Prevention Day at The 5th Annual Out of the Darkness Walk

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." We would like to urge all citizen residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation on
November 30, 2019

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this **19th day of November 2019**

TERI JOHNSTON, Mayor _____

SAM KAUFMAN, Vice Mayor _____

JIMMY WEEKLEY, City Commissioner _____

BILLY WARDLOW, City Commissioner _____

GREGORY DAVILA, City Commissioner _____

MARY LOU HOOVER, City Commissioner _____

CLAYTON L. LOPEZ, City Commissioner _____