



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and is the 2nd 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 for the past decade; and

Whereas, in 2017, Florida experienced 3187 suicide deaths; and

Whereas, in 2017, Monroe County, experienced 20 suicide deaths; and

Whereas, in 2018, we have seen a rise in the number of suicide deaths and the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicide works against 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 struggle

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Craig Cates, Mary Lou Hoover, District 5; Jimmy Weekley, District I; Sam Kaufman, District II; Billy Wardlow, District III; Greg Davila, District IV and Clayton Lopez, District VI, Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018 as

National Suicide Prevention Month

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.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 20th day of September, 2018.

Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner

Craig Cates, Mayor

Sam Kaufman, District II Commissioner

Clayton Lopez, District VI Commissioner

Billy Wardlow, District III Commissioner

Mary Lou Hoover, District V Commissioner

Gregory Davila, District IV Commissioner