



## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas,** in 2018 suicide was the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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\_\_\_\_\_