

Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS suicide is a complex public health issue that affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and communities; and

WHEREAS over 50,000 people committed suicide last year: and Whereas suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS the month of September is designated as National Suicide Prevention Month to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, now reached by dialing 988, provides 24/7, free and confidential support for individuals in distress, prevention and crisis resources for those who care about someone, and best practices for professionals; and

WHEREAS the City of Flagler Beach, and Flagler Open Arms Recovery Services are committed to supporting mental health initiatives and providing resources to individuals and families affected by suicide; and

WHEREAS it is essential to create a culture of hope, resilience, and support for all members of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Patti King, do hereby proclaim the month of September as **Suicide Prevention Month** in Flagler Beach, Florida. I encourage all citizens to learn about suicide prevention, to reach out to those in need, and to support the efforts of the Open Arms Recovery Services in promoting mental health and well-being.

I urge all residents to become familiar with the 988 Lifeline and to share this vital resource with others. By working together, we can create a community where everyone feels connected, supported, and hopeful.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of City to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2024.

Patti King, Mayor, City of Flagler Beach