



## Proclamation

*Town of Juno Beach of Palm Beach County, Florida*

### **NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK 2024**

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders affect 28.8 million Americans or 9% of the U.S. population during their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders, including the specific disorders of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder, and other specified feeding or eating disorders, are complex, biologically based illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeats, heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, tooth decay, obesity, gallbladder disease, diabetes, and death; and

**WHEREAS**, at least once every 52 minutes, someone dies as direct result of an eating disorder, resulting in 10,200 deaths per year and anorexia nervosa has the second highest mortality rate among all psychiatric illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders know no boundaries with respect to genders/gender identity, ages, races, ethnicities, body shapes and weights, abilities, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic statuses; and

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders have a high prevalence amongst active military services members and veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the yearly economic cost of eating disorders is \$64.7 Billion with an additional loss of wellbeing per year of \$326.5 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, with early detection and intervention, full recovery from an eating disorder is possible; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a leading, national eating disorders organization, headquartered in the State of Florida, dedicated to the outreach, education, support, and early intervention for all eating disorders.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Town of Juno Beach, Florida hereby proclaims February 26, 2024 – March 3, 2024 as:

### **NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Juno Beach to be affixed this 28th day of February, 2024.

**TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Alexander Cooke, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk