

## NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, November is National Runaway Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, National Runaway Prevention Month began in 2002 and is presented each year by the National Runaway Safeline, the federally designated national crisis and communication system for youth ages 10 to 21 who have run away, are considering leaving home, or are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, runaway youth are often expelled from their home, have experienced trauma, struggle to meet basic needs, and are at increased danger of falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services is working to raise awareness, provide support, and offer resources for vulnerable young people in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen M. Witt, Mayor of the City of Lake City, Florida, do hereby proclaim November as "NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH" in the City of Lake City.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor City of Lake City