

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, mental health is a vital component of overall well-being, and mental illness impacts individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and socioeconomic statuses; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated mental health conditions and the lasting effects of trauma can significantly affect individuals, families, and communities—contributing to challenges such as substance use, homelessness, unemployment, and physical health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness about mental health and the importance of trauma-informed care fosters a culture of compassion and understanding, helps reduce stigma, and encourages individuals to seek support when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, trauma-informed care acknowledges the widespread impact of trauma and promotes practices that encourage resilience, healing, and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee is dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and ensuring our community has access to resources, education, and support systems that enhance overall well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Mental Health Awareness Month and Trauma-Informed Care Month offer a meaningful opportunity for residents, organizations, and leaders to collaborate in increasing awareness, providing education, and advocating for accessible mental health services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and our citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month** in the City of Pahokee, and encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to join in raising awareness, promoting education, and supporting those affected by mental health conditions and trauma.

**In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.**



*Keith W. Babb, Jr.*

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

*Derrick Boldin*

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

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