PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide, or ending one's own life, is a tragic event with strong emotional repercussions for its survivors and for families of its victims; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a tragic but preventable loss that has a devastating impact on families and communities, with 3,122 lives lost in Florida in 2016; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness is essential to preventing further loss of life as suicide can be reduced through education, treatment and mental health resources; and

WHEREAS, this observance is dedicated to building safer and more supportive environments to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health issues that too often prevents people from seeking the care they need.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter hereby authorizes Mayor Tim Lonergan to proclaim February 21, 2018 as,

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

in the City Of Oakland Park and supports awareness efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of February, 2018.

By:	
TIM LONERGAN, MAYOR	

ATTEST: RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK