

*STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 40,000 Americans die by suicide each year. A person in Florida dies by suicide every two hours on average far outnumbering homicides; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to recognize the signs of depression that may lead to thoughts of suicide including: speaking about wanting to die, feelings of isolation or hopelessness, increased use of drugs or alcohol, and severe mood swings; and

WHEREAS, ask if the person is thinking of taking their life; keep them safe and remove their access to lethal means such as poisons, prescription drugs, and firearms; get them professional help. In Florida, dial 2-1-1 or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1- 800-273-8255 or text 741741; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Broward County has provided significant leadership in suicide prevention through community education and creation of their *Lock It Up!* gun safety program; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is firmly committed to raising awareness about Suicide Prevention in the City of Oakland Park and 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 does hereby authorize Mayor Michael E. Carn to proclaim the month of September 2022 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 7th day of September, 2022.

By: _____
MICHAEL E. CARN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK