

STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a serious public health issue that affects individuals, families, friends, workplaces, schools, and communities across all backgrounds and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Month provides an important opportunity to raise awareness, promote hope, encourage meaningful conversations about mental health and emotional well-being, and connect people with support and resources; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the warning signs of suicide, reducing stigma surrounding mental health challenges, and encouraging individuals to seek help can contribute to saving lives and strengthening our community; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention is a shared responsibility, and each of us can make a difference by listening without judgment, reaching out to those who may be struggling, fostering connection, and helping create a community where people know they are valued and supported; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park recognizes the dedication of mental health professionals, first responders, educators, healthcare providers, community organizations, families, advocates, and others who work to prevent suicide and provide compassionate support to those in need; and

WHEREAS, during Suicide Prevention Month, we remember those whose lives have been lost to suicide, offer support and compassion to those who have experienced loss, and reaffirm our commitment to promoting awareness, connection, resilience, and hope throughout our community.

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 Steven R. Arnst to proclaim the month of September 2026 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Oakland Park and encourages all residents to learn about suicide prevention, support those who may be struggling, help reduce the stigma associated with seeking assistance, and work together to foster a caring, connected, and supportive community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2026.

By: _____
STEVEN R. ARNST, MAYOR

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