

IN RECOGNITION OF BROWARD MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT DAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

- WHEREAS,** MENTAL ILLNESS AFFECTS THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, BEHAVIORS, AND GENERAL INTERACTION WITH OTHERS. THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS MUST BE ADDRESSED SO THAT NO ONE FEELS SHAME OR DISGRACE IN SEEKING HELP AND TREATMENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** RECENT TRAGEDIES IN BROWARD COUNTY AND NATIONWIDE REQUIRE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL EDUCATION AND DISCUSSION TO IDENTIFY THE EARLY SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN ORDER TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE SITUATION AND REVERSE IT BEFORE IT GETS WORSE; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN ADDITION TO THE RECENT TRAGEDIES, IN 2016, ACCORDING TO THE CDC'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS, THERE WERE 44,965 RECORDED SUICIDES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THE ANNUAL U.S. SUICIDE RATE INCREASED 24% BETWEEN 1999 AND 2014. ACCORDING TO THE FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION, ON AVERAGE, THERE ARE 123 SUICIDES PER DAY IN THE U.S.; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED FOR IDENTIFYING AND TREATING MENTAL ILLNESS, A GRASSROOTS EFFORT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRINCIPAL MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS IN BROWARD COUNTY, TO JOIN FORCES IN A HISTORIC EFFORT TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION BY HOLDING A "SUMMIT" OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC DURING THE 2019 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE "2ND ANNUAL BROWARD MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT", PRESENTED BY MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, ULTIMATE SOFTWARE AND THE SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION OF BROWARD COUNTY, BRINGS TOGETHER THE LEADING MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS IN SOUTH FLORIDA FROM COUNTY AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE PRACTICE, NONPROFITS, AND ACADEMIA TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGES AFFECTING THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, AS BROWARD MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT DAY.

SIGNED THIS 4TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2019 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
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