

WHEREAS, mental illness affects thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and general interaction with others; and 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 discussion to promote mental wellness and identify the early signs of mental illness in order to reverse it before it gets worse; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC's most recent Fatal Injury Report, more than 49,000 people died by suicide in 2022, and there were an estimated 1.6 million suicide attempts; 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 an in-person summit during the 2024 National Suicide Prevention Week open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the 7th Annual Broward Mental Health Summit, titled **360 Degrees of Wellness**, brings together the leading mental health providers in South Florida from county and federal government, private practice and nonprofit providers, and academia to discuss and examine the current issues relating to mental health in Broward County affecting all populations; and

WHEREAS, for those wanting to learn about the mental health issues facing our communities, whether you are a healthcare provider, first responder, community leader, business owner, elected official, or just simply a concerned citizen, the Summit will provide information, tools, and a better understanding of the challenges affecting those with mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing the significance of mental well-being on the health of our community, the City of Coconut Creek enhances public understanding of mental illness and the challenges faced by those affected by mental illness in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims September 12, 2024, as

“BROWARD MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT DAY”

in the City of Coconut Creek in a continued effort to increase awareness, reduce stigma, and educate the community about mental illness.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 22nd day of August 2024.**