

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-104

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER "SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah is a community of compassionate, loving, and charitable residents, and a wonderful place to live; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and supports actions in preventing suicidal thinking, attempts, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-34 and the 10th leading cause of death among adults; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, one person dies by suicide every 11.7 minutes, resulting in nearly 48,000 deaths each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, members of the Armed Forces on active duty, members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are not on active duty, or veterans, die by suicide each day, resulting in more than 7,000 deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are approximately 1,400,000 suicide attempts each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than half of individuals who die by suicide did not have a known mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, many factors contribute to suicide among individuals with and without known mental health conditions, including challenges related to relationships, substance use, physical health, and stress regarding work, money, legal problems, or housing; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, suicide results in an estimated \$70,000,000,000 each year in combined medical and work-loss costs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatize survivors of suicide loss and people with lived experience of suicide; and

WHEREAS, according to the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report of the CDC, risk factors for suicide, such as anxiety and depression, have increased considerably since the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable national, State and local public health problem; and

WHEREAS, providing a safe and nurturing community and environment ensures both physical and emotional safety and minimizes suicidality; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to educate and encourage persons and families to recognize the warning signs of suicide, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, the Month of September is National Suicide Prevention Month, which is a campaign in response to the need to raise awareness and prevention of suicide and provide communities with an opportunity to educate the public.

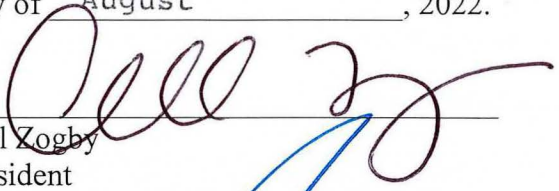
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Mayor and the City Council hereby declare the month of September “Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month” in the City of Hialeah to raise greater awareness of the problem of suicide, and to: (1) recognize suicide as a serious and preventable public health problem of the United States; (2) declare suicide prevention as a priority; (3) acknowledge that no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for all populations or communities; (4) promote awareness that there is no single cause of suicide; and (5) support strategies to increase access to high-quality mental health and suicide prevention services and treatments.

Section 3: This resolution shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of August, 2022.



Carl Zogby
President

Attest:



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Approved on this 12 day of September, 2022.



Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution September Suicide Prevention Month

Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers Calvo, Garcia-Roves, Casáls-Muñoz, Perez, Rodriguez and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Councilmember Tundidor absent.