



TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK PROCLAMATION

BROWARD MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT DAY

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; **WHEREAS**, Code Enforcement Officers are responsible for improving neighborhood and the quality of lives of the residents in and community; 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;

WHEREAS, in addition to the recent tragedies, according to the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, Suicide rates increased 36% between 2000 and 2021. It was responsible for more than 48,183 deaths in 2021, which is about one death every 11 minutes.

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, on average, there are 132 suicides per day in the U.S.;

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 (including county/federal government, private sector, and nonprofit organizations), to join forces in a historic effort to increase awareness and education by holding an "in-person and virtual summit" open to the general public for FREE during the 2021 National Suicide Prevention Week;

WHEREAS, the "6th Annual Broward Mental Health Summit," titled Reimagining Wellness Across the Generations, is presented by Memorial Healthcare System, UKG, Aetna, and the Sheriff's Foundation of Broward County, bringing together the leading mental health providers in South Florida from county/federal government, private practice, nonprofits, and academia to discuss and examine the current issues relating to mental health in Broward County affecting all populations;

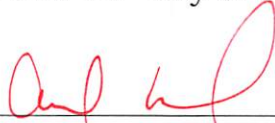
WHEREAS, everyone wanting to learn about the mental health issues facing our communities, whether you're a healthcare provider, first responder, community leader, business owner, elected official, or just simply a concerned citizen, you'll learn from the 6th Annual Broward Mental Health Summit, information tools and a better understanding of the challenges affecting those with mental health issues;

WHEREAS, by acknowledging all those who have been affected by Mental Illness, we help the general public understand its effects on the citizens of the Town of Pembroke Park and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pembroke Park remains committed to raising awareness in order to combat stigma and educate our community about Mental Illness;

NOW, THEREFORE WE, Mayor Ashira Mohammed, Vice Mayor Erik Morrissette, Clerk Commissioner William R. Hodgkins, Acting Clerk Commissioner Musfika Kashem and Commissioner Geoffrey Jacobs by virtue of the authority vested by the Town of Pembroke Park do hereby proclaim designate September 7, 2023 as "**BROWARD MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT DAY**" in the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida

Dated this 13th day of June 2023.



Mayor Ashira Mohammed



Vice Mayor Erik Morrissette



Clerk Commissioner William R. Hodgkins



Acting Clerk Commissioner Musfika Kashem

Commissioner Geoffrey Jacobs