



PROCLAMATION

Suicide Prevention Month

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 49,449 people died by suicide in the United States during 2022 which is one death every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, a 2020 national poll found that 95% of Americans surveyed would do something if someone close to them was thinking about suicide but almost 70% of respondents identified barriers that keep them from discussing suicide with others. These barriers include not knowing what to say, not knowing where to turn for help, feeling they don't have enough knowledge, or not feeling comfortable with the topic; and

WHEREAS, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7 no-cost and confidential support for individuals in distress, including prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones by calling or texting 9-8-8; and

WHEREAS, the community is in this together. Each of us has a role to play in suicide prevention throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby proclaims the month of September 2023 as:

Suicide Prevention Month

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 5th day of September 2023, Sumter County, Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY**

Deputy Clerk

Craig A. Estep
Chairman