PROCLAMATION
SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, which directs the community's attention to this public health epidemic destroying lives, whole families and sometimes entire communities; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death in the U.S. among individuals age 10 to 34-years-old; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death overall in the U.S., claiming the lives of more than 47,000 people; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 123 suicides a day or 1 every 12 minutes, and, in Martin County, there were 35 suicides in 2019 or 1 death every 10.42 days; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only type of death that is 100% preventable; and by offering the public education, data, support, and services we as a community have taken a step toward preventing another suicide by our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. MEIER, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim September 2020, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Stuart, Florida and as a community are honored to be part of the healing process and support services addressing mental illness and drug and alcohol addiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this _____day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR