

WHEREAS, Recent CDC findings that U.S. adults reported they had considerably elevated adverse mental health conditions associated with COVID-19 with additional impacts on younger adults, racial/ethnic minorities, essential workers, and unpaid adult caregiver; and

WHEREAS, these populations reported having experienced disproportionately worse mental health outcomes, increased substance use, and elevated suicidal ideation. There is a call for a public health response during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase intervention and prevention efforts with increased community-level efforts and strategies; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 HelpLine is that central access point providing individuals and families with guidance and crisis support via telephone or text any time of day or night; and

WHEREAS, 211 HelpLine is also the regional responder for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK). 211 staff work 24 hours a day to prevent suicide loss of life with a daily average of 126 mental health/crisis calls & contacts with 9 callers with concerns of Suicide daily.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, extend recognition to:

211 HelpLine

for being the front-line of Suicide Prevention in the City of Fort Pierce, and in so doing, urge all citizens to be aware of the only telephone number they need to know to access information on 1600 agency providers with wide-ranging programs and services throughout our area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of September, 2020.

MAYOR