

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

### Declaring November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as “Survivors of Suicide Memory Garden Dedication Day” in Alachua County, Florida

**Whereas,** there are close to 40,000 suicides nationwide annually. During 2012 in Florida, there were 2,922 reported suicides, 35 of which occurred in Alachua County; and

**Whereas,** suicide is the 8<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death and 3<sup>rd</sup> among Americans 15 – 24 years of age; and

**Whereas,** it is generally estimated that there are at least 8 to 25 attempts for each death by suicide; and

**Whereas,** suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and community can experience, and the associated stigma further traumatizes people whose lose a loved one by suicide, thus they are call “survivors”; and

**Whereas,** November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 will be recognized as National Suicide Survivor Day.

**Now, therefore,** through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as “Survivors of Suicide Memory Garden Dedication Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Byerly, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. Irby, Clerk