

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, 2-1-1 HELPLINE IS ENTERING ITS 6<sup>TH</sup> DECADE OF QUALITY & CARING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS, OVER THIS SPAN OF TIME 2-1-1 HELPLINE HAS RESPONDED TO OVER 3 MILLION REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE- PROVIDING THE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT THEY'VE NEEDED; 2-1-1 CONTINUES TO DO SO THROUGH THESE TRYING TIMES; AND**

**WHEREAS, MENTAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, HOUSING/UTILITIES, FOOD INSECURITY AND HEALTH CONCERNS ARE THE TOP NEEDS EXPRESSED BY PEOPLE REACHING OUT TO US; AND**

**WHEREAS, 2-1-1'S CARING STAFF CONTINUE TO BE THAT BEACON OF HOPE PROVIDING CRISIS SUPPORT AND RESOURCES WHEN PEOPLE ARE OVERWHELMED AND DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO TURN... 2-1-1 IS AVAILABLE ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT; AND**

**WHEREAS, 2-1-1 ALSO HAS SPECIALIZED ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROJECT, THE SPECIAL NEEDS HELPLINE, HELP ME GROW CATCHING CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS EARLY, ELDER CRISIS OUTREACH; AND**

**WHEREAS, 2-1-1'S LIFE-SAVING "SUNSHINE" DAILY TELEPHONE REASSURANCE CALLS CONTINUE TO BRIGHTEN THE LIVES OF LOCAL ISOLATED SENIORS AND HAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ISOLATED CAREGIVERS; AND**

**WHEREAS, 2-1-1'S MY FLORIDA VETERANS PROVIDES PEER TO PEER SUPPORT, & HELPS VETERANS TO READJUST, PROVIDING LINKAGE TO SERVICES- FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I MAYOR FRED PINTO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2022 AS:**

### **2-1-1 AWARENESS MONTH**

**IN THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO BE AWARE THAT IF THEY ARE OVERWHELMED AND IN CRISIS OR JUST NEED TO TALK...2-1-1 IS AVAILABLE ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT. 2-1-1 STAFF CAN ALSO PROVIDE REFERRALS FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HEALTH CARE, EMPLOYMENT, FOOD ASSISTANCE, DAY CARE, SUPPORT GROUPS, VOLUNTEERING, VITA FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION AND SO MUCH MORE...**

**SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.**

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**FRED PINTO, MAYOR**

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**DIANE DiSANTO, VILLAGE CLERK**