

PROCLAMATION

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, eating disorders affect 30,000,000 (30 Million) individuals in the United States during their lifetimes; with more than 600,000 individuals in the State of Florida alone; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders, including anorexia and bulimia nervosa, the specific disorders of binge eating or avoidant / restrictive food intake, and other specified feeding or eating disorders, are complex, biologically based illnesses; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeats, heart disease, heart and kidney failure, osteoporosis, tooth decay, obesity, diabetes, and death; and

WHEREAS, at least once every 62 minutes, someone dies due to their struggle with an eating disorder, which knows no boundaries with respect to gender, age, race, ethnicity, body shape and weight, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders have a high prevalence amongst active military service members and veterans; with anorexia nervosa having the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

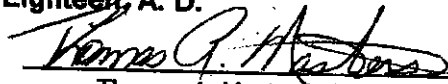
WHEREAS, with early detection and intervention, full recovery from an eating disorder is possible; and

WHEREAS, The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness is the premier 501 © 3 - non-profit organization in the State of Florida, that is dedicated to providing programs and activities aimed at outreach, education, and early intervention for all eating disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this great City, do hereby proclaim in the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, February 25, 2018 through March 3, 2018 as

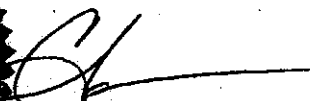
'EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK'.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 21st day of February, Two Thousand Eighteen, A. D.


Thomas A. Masters, Mayor

Attest:




Claudene L. Anthony, CMC City Clerk