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**PROCLAMATION**  
**EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK**

*WHEREAS*, in the United States as many as 30 million Americans are currently battling eating disorders, and more than 600,000 individuals in the State of Florida suffer daily with their eating disorder; and

*WHEREAS*, eating disorders are not choices, but serious biologically influenced illnesses; and

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

*WHEREAS*, at least once every 62 minutes, someone dies due to their struggle with an eating disorder, and anorexia nervosa has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

*WHEREAS*, eating disorders know no boundaries with respect to genders, ages, races, ethnicities, body shapes and weights, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic statuses; and

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

*WHEREAS*, The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is the premier eating disorders organization in Palm Beach County dedicated to providing programs and activities aimed at outreach, education, and early intervention for all eating disorders

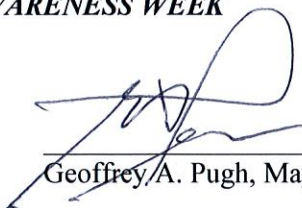
*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Geoffrey Pugh, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2016 – February 28, 2016 as:

***EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK***

Passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2016.

Attest:

  
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Tracey Stevens, Town Clerk

  
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Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor