

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can occur after a person experiences trauma including, but not limited to, the stress of combat, abuse, violence, assault and putting one's life on the line as a first responder, and affects approximately 8 million adults in the United States annually; and

WHEREAS, unlike machines, humans have the strength to get better by helping each other and those within our community; and

WHEREAS, we should be reminded that the more discussion there is about PTSD, the more people will become aware of it, and the more people will seek treatment for it and this effect will help shed light on other types of mental disorders that people suffer from after a traumatic event; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the stigma associated with PTSD and help ensure that those suffering from these invisible wounds receive proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from effects of PTSD deserve our consideration, and those who are affected by PTSD caused by protecting our citizens and our freedom, deserve our respect and special honor;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim **June 27th** be known as

“Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness/Teal Out Day”

in Marion County, Florida, and the Board urges all citizens to bring awareness to those with PTSD and to encourage people to reach out to their fellow citizens to provide support and remove the stigma associated with this disorder. We also encourage our local community to show their support and wear teal and join us for our annual PTSD Awareness Walk on June 27th at 8:00 a.m.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 16th day of **June, 2026**.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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