

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mental Illness affects thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and general interaction with others and the stigma associated with mental illness must be addressed so that no one feels shame or disgrace in seeking help and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the need for self-care and identifying and treating mental illness, a grassroots effort was undertaken by the principal mental health providers in Broward County (including county/federal government, private sector, and nonprofit organizations), to join forces in a historic effort to increase awareness and education by holding a summit on October 23, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Inaugural” South Florida Mental Wellness Summit & Expo titled Resilience in Action, A Community Conversation on Mental Health, presented by Mental Health America of Southeast Florida and Aetna, bring together the leading mental health providers in South Florida from county/federal government, private practice, nonprofits, and academia to discuss and examine the current issues relating to mental health in Broward County affecting all populations; and


**WHEREAS**, everyone wanting to learn about mental health and issues facing our communities, whether you’re a healthcare provider, first responder, community leader, business owner, elected official, or just simply a concerned citizen, you’ll learn from the South Florida Mental Wellness Summit & Expo information tools and a better understanding of the challenges affecting mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, by acknowledging the importance of mental wellness, we help the general public understand the issues surrounding mental illness and challenges on the citizens of Margate, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2025, as

## SOUTH FLORIDA MENTAL WELLNESS SUMMIT AND EXPO DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

  
ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joanne Simone