

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION AND ANNOUNCING THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PORT ST. LUCIE NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS WALK ON OCTOBER 21, 2017 AT 9:00 AM AT TRADITION SQUARE IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. In the United States, 20 million women and 10 million men suffer from a clinically significant eating disorder at some time in their life, including Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, Binge Eating Disorder, or other specified feeding or eating disorder.
2. The scope and severity of eating disorders are often misunderstood. Eating disorders are serious illnesses, not lifestyle choices.
3. Anorexia has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness.
4. There is a significant lack of funding to combat eating disorders and their devastating consequences. As a result, too many individuals and families are left feeling helpless, hopeless and frightened.
5. The National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) supports individuals and families affected by eating disorders and serves as a catalyst for prevention, cures and access to quality care.
6. These serious illnesses can be confronted with increased awareness, early intervention and improved access to treatment. NEDA provides programs and services to give families the support they need to find answers for these life-threatening illnesses.
7. NEDA is proud to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Port St. Lucie, FL NEDA Walk, taking place on October 21, 2017 at 9:00 am at Tradition Square in St. Lucie County, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

1. This Board does hereby recognize October 21, 2017 as the “3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Port St. Lucie National Disorders Association Walk” and encourage all county residents to support this effort to raise community awareness and vital funds to support the millions of individuals affected by eating disorders.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**DEPUTY CLERK**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHAIRMAN**

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:**

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY**