PROCLAMATION

Town of Juno Beach of Palm Beach County, Florida

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, The Town of Juno Beach, Florida does hereby proclaim the week of February 22nd – 28th, 2016 as

EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED in regular session this 24th day of February, 2016.

TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA

_____

Mort Levine, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

Vanessa M. Mutchnik, Town Clerk