



CITY OF MARATHON CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

National Prevention Week May 9th through May 15th, 2021

WHEREAS, National Prevention Week is an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, mental and/or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, each year, National Prevention Week incorporates daily health themes to focus on pressing substance use topics. The 2021 daily health themes are:

- Monday, May 10: Preventing Prescription and Opioid Drug Misuse
- Tuesday, May 11: Preventing Underage Drinking and Alcohol Misuse
- Wednesday, May 12: Preventing Illicit Drug and Youth Marijuana Use
- Thursday, May 13: Preventing Youth Tobacco Use
- Friday, May 14: Preventing Suicide; and

WHEREAS, National Prevention Week (NPW) is held each year during the third week of May. Originally, SAMHSA chose this week because it is near the start of summer, an important time for school, communities, and prevention professionals to re-focus on prevention. Adolescents and full-time college students most often use substances for the first-time during June or July, according to a National Survey on Drug Use and Health data; and

WHEREAS in honor of National Prevention Week's tenth anniversary, youth leaders are encouraged to create and post videos to their social media accounts about their prevention efforts and use the hashtag #YouthLeadingPrevention

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Marathon City Council, do hereby proclaim May 9th through May 15th as "National Prevention Week in the City of Marathon and call upon our community to observe this week with programs and events that support this year's theme #YouthLeadingPrevention.

Mayor Luis Gonzalez