



# City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida

## *Guidance Care Clinic 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary*

May 14-20, 2023 Guidance/Care Week

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon takes great pride in recognizing agencies who strive to better the lives of our residents through continuous dedication and commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, May has been nationally proclaimed “National Mental Health Awareness Month” to increase knowledge about mental health, reduce stigma surrounding mental health and celebrate recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guidance/Care Center was incorporated in May 1973 as a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the provision of comprehensive, integrated and community-based behavioral health care for children, youth, and adults throughout the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guidance/Care Center provides the full continuum of care in the City of Marathon including a 24/7 hotline to mobile crisis response as well as community-based services at schools, jails, and the regional juvenile detention facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guidance/Care Center provides residential services at the Heron, an assisted living facility for adults struggling with mental illness, an inpatient unit for Detox and Crisis Stabilization, Personal Growth Center Clubhouse for adults and Middle Keys Transportation to those disadvantaged; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guidance/Care Center has helped thousands of Florida Keys residents with mental health and substance use issues by helping people cope and change, by maintaining their family structure, by assisting them in obtaining housing and by helping residents find ways to contribute to the benefit of our community; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA** that May 14-20 of 2023 as Guidance/Care Center Week and in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we call upon the residents of the City of Marathon to join us in saluting them and wishing them the very best towards the next fifty years.

May 9, 2023  
Date

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Mayor Luis Gonzalez