



City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida

Guidance Care Clinic 53rd Year Anniversary

Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2026

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, for 53 years, the Guidance/Care Center has helped thousands of Florida Keys residents with mental health and substance use challenges by supporting recovery, strengthening families, assisting with housing, and empowering individuals to contribute to the community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA that the month of May 2026 is hereby recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, and we celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of the Guidance/Care Center, calling upon the residents of the City of Marathon to join us in recognizing their invaluable service and dedication to our community.

May 12, 2026
Date

Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo