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- 2 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student
3 concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 4 Whereas: The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given
5 the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the Student
6 Body of the University of North Florida; and;
- 7 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida has the responsibility and
8 constitutional duty to advocate for matters concerning the student body; and;
- 9 Whereas: The University of North Florida professes a responsibility to the student body's wellbeing and
10 safety as basic human rights; and;
- 11 Whereas: Mental Health is an important aspect of life not only to students, faculty, staff, and the
12 administration at the University of North Florida, but to the Jacksonville Community at large; and;
- 13 Whereas: Each year, almost 45,000 Americans commit suicide and one (1) in every twelve (12) college
14 students makes a suicide plan.
- 15 Whereas: In the state of Florida, you are twice as likely to die from suicide as you are from homicide. Suicide
16 is the second leading cause of death for those of ages 25-34 and the third leading cause of death
17 for those ages 10-24; and;
- 18 Whereas: In Duval County, according to the Florida Department of Health, approximately 142 people ages
19 12-21 will commit suicide; and;
- 20 Whereas: In Duval County, according to the Florida Department of Health, approximately 2,700 people
21 ages 12-21 will go to the hospital for non-fatal self-inflicted injuries; and;
- 22 Whereas: In Duval County, according to the Florida Department of Health, approximately 445 people ages
23 12-21 will go to the hospital for non-fatal eating disorders; and;
- 24 Whereas: According to the World Health Organization, between 30 and 80 percent of people with mental
25 health concerns never receive treatment; and;
- 26 Whereas: The number one cause that prevents people from obtaining mental health services is fear and
27 shame. The second leading cause was lack of insight, followed by limited awareness; and;
- 28 Whereas: The Florida Student Association (FSA), a body that represents over 405,000 college students
29 across the state of Florida, has set Mental Health as a priority on their legislative agenda.

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2 **Therefore:** Let it be known that the Student Government at the University of North Florida recognizes
3 the need for and calls upon the Jacksonville City Council to establish January 12th, 2018 as
4 a city-wide Mental Health Awareness Day in order to prevent the stigma and promote
5 awareness of mental health.

6 **Furthermore:** Upon passage, let this Joint Resolution be forwarded to all 19 members of the Jacksonville
7 City Council, Lenny Curry, Mayor of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville sheriff Mike Williams,
8 and John Delaney, President of the University of North Florida.

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Legislative Action

Executive Action

Author: Commission on Mental Health
Sponsor: Senate President Beaucham
Committee: University and Student Affairs Committee
Committee Action: No quorum
Senate Action: Unanimous Consent
Date of Action: September 15th, 2017

Let it be known that JR-17F-3214 is hereby

APPROVED / VETOED

on this 18th day of September, 2017.

Signed, _____

Samantha Mims, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President
on this 18th day of September 2017

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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Thomas Beaucham, Student Senate President