



**TOWN OF BLUFFTON  
BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

**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**, National Prevention Week celebrates the efforts of communities and organizations coming together to raise awareness about the importance of substance abuse prevention and positive mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, May, June, and July are considered times of higher risk of underage alcohol and other drug use and the rates of major depression, reports of suicidal thoughts and attempts, and serious mental illnesses have increased for our youth and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, all of us have the power to be the best advocates for promoting youth substance prevention and positive mental health, leading to positive youth development; and

**WHEREAS**, Lowcountry Alliance for Healthy Youth has chosen the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina to join in launching our local efforts during the week of May 12-17<sup>th</sup>; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Lisa Sulka, Mayor of Bluffton, on behalf of the Town of Bluffton and Bluffton Town Council do hereby proclaim the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to be National Prevention Week in the Town of Bluffton.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2019.



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Lisa Sulka, Mayor