

RESOLUTION NO. 25-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER,
FLORIDA, DESIGNATING CLEARWATER AS A "RED STAR
CITY" TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT FAMILIES OF
MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND FIRST
RESPONDERS LSOT TO SUICIDE; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the mental health crisis among military personnel, veterans, and first responders has reached epidemic proportions, with approximately 500 active-duty service members, 8,000 veterans, and 500 first responders dying by suicide each year ; and

WHEREAS, these fallen heroes leave behind grieving families, known as Red Star Families, who carry the burden of loss while striving to honor their loved ones' service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the City of CLEARWATER recognizes the sacrifices made not only by those who served in uniform but also by their families, who endure the lasting impact of their loss; and

WHEREAS, the City of CLEARWATER stands committed to raising awareness, providing support, and fostering a community of remembrance, healing, and advocacy to combat military, veteran, and first responder suicide; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Red Star Foundation, the City of CLEARWATER pledges to recognize March 21st as Red Star Family Day, honor Red Star Families, and promote suicide awareness and prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. that the City of CLEARWATER hereby proclaims itself a Red Star City, demonstrating its commitment to supporting Red Star Families, advocating for suicide prevention, and ensuring that the sacrifices of our heroes and their families are never forgotten.

Section 2. The \$1000 application fee will be waived.

Section 3. The Red Star City application is attached for reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this (insert date).

Bruce Rector
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

David Margolis
City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk