



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS, suicide has a devastating impact on families and communities, and is the eighth leading cause of death in Florida; and

WHEREAS, suicide deaths and suicide related thoughts and behaviors are a public health issue that claimed the lives of 3,427 Floridians in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Children and Families is committed to working with state agencies, community partners, school districts, law enforcement agencies, first responders, and health care providers, to identify goals and specific action items to reduce deaths by suicide through evidence-based and best-practice programs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council works to identify ways to increase awareness, education, effective intervention, and follow-up support to prevent further suicide tragedies; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet, First Lady Casey DeSantis has focused the Cabinet's priorities on supporting mental health and resiliency for our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention within the Florida Department of Children and Families is collaborating with the First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force to identify evidence-based practices to address suicide related-thoughts and behaviors among Florida first responders; and

WHEREAS, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 provides support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for anyone struggling with thoughts of suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing March 25, 2021, as *Florida Suicide Prevention Day*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor