



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS, suicide is a tragic, but preventable loss that has a devastating impact on families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Florida lost 3,187 lives to suicide in 2017, making suicide in Florida the eighth leading cause of death for all Floridians and the second leading cause of death among people ages 25-34; and

WHEREAS, information, education, treatment, and resources are essential to preventing further loss of life to suicide; and

WHEREAS, Florida's stakeholders use the Florida Suicide Prevention Plan to coordinate and implement suicide prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Children and Families is committed to working with the Florida Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council and community partners to reduce suicide through resource provision, education, prevention, and intervention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing March 21, 2019, 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 21st day of March, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor