



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK***

**WHEREAS, suicide is a tragic but preventable event that has a devastating impact on families and communities, with 3,152 lives lost in Florida in 2015; and**

**WHEREAS, suicide in Florida was the ninth leading cause of death and the second leading cause of death among people ages 25 to 34 in 2015; and**

**WHEREAS, public awareness is key to preventing further loss of life as suicide can be reduced through awareness, education, and treatment; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida is a leader in suicide prevention efforts and resources dedicated to reducing suicide deaths; 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 prevention and intervention;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing September 10-16, 2017, as *Florida Suicide Prevention Week*.**



**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 24th day of August, in the year two thousand seventeen.**

  
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Governor