



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY***

**WHEREAS, suicide is a tragic but preventable loss that has a devastating impact on families and communities, with 3,122 lives lost in Florida in 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, in Florida suicide was the eleventh leading cause of death and the second leading cause of death among people ages 25-34 in 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, public awareness is key to preventing further loss of life as suicide can be reduced through information, education, treatment, and resources; 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 February 21, 2018, 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 19th day of January, in the year two thousand eighteen.**

  
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Governor