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GOVERNOR

FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS, it is paramount that Florida's youth and families reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Casey DeSantis, in collaboration with the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council, is leading efforts to coordinate prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet, First Lady Casey DeSantis has focused the Cabinet's resources on finding ways to address youth suicide; and

WHEREAS, leaders from state agencies are working in partnership to decrease deaths by suicide in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health is coordinating the Florida Violent Death Reporting System to improve knowledge of circumstances surrounding suicide deaths to provide prevention and intervention strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Children and Families are leading efforts to ensure that service members, veterans, and their families can easily access behavioral health services and support; and

WHEREAS, Florida lost 3,552 lives to suicide in 2018, making suicide the second leading cause of death among people ages 25-34, and the eighth leading cause of death for all Floridians; and

WHEREAS, Florida's priority is to reduce the number of families in crisis by increasing access to prevention and pre-crisis contacts; and

WHEREAS, Florida Suicide Prevention Day is an opportunity to raise awareness in hopes of preventing a devastating impact on Florida's families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing February 27, 2020, 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 30th day of January, in the year two thousand twenty.

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