



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS, 2,961 Floridians lost their lives to suicide in 2014; and

WHEREAS, clinical care, supports, and interventions for mental, physical, and substance use disorders can reduce the risks for suicidal thoughts and behaviors; and

WHEREAS, family and community support as well as skills in problem solving, conflict resolution, and nonviolent ways of handling disputes may reduce the risks for suicidal thoughts and behaviors; and

WHEREAS, suicide is viewed as the most preventable form of death and education can often help save a life; and

WHEREAS, the majority of people in crisis who receive the help they are often not suicidal again; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Children and Families' Office of Suicide Prevention and the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council work in partnership with Florida communities to increase public awareness and support prevention initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing January 14, 2016, 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 28th day of December, in the year two thousand fifteen.



Governor