



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, Florida ranked third among all states in citizens lost to suicide in 2014; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2014, suicide was Florida's second leading cause of death for individuals ages 25-34; and

WHEREAS, Florida's suicide death rate has held at the same rate for the past several years, adding to the urgency of identifying and getting help to individuals at high risk; and

WHEREAS, 2.5 percent of youths reported being treated by a nurse or doctor for attempted suicide during the 12 months before the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey; and

WHEREAS, suicide is highly preventable through education and awareness and connecting individuals and communities to available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Children and Families' Office for Suicide Prevention and the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council are working in partnership with Florida communities to reduce suicide in Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing September 5-11, 2016, 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 13th day of September, in the year two thousand sixteen.


Governor