



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY IN FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families is fundamental to Florida's bright future; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that youth, families, and communities learn about the warning signs of mental health disorders and know where to obtain the necessary assistance and services; and

**WHEREAS**, open dialogue can encourage individuals with mental health needs to seek help and is an essential component to fight the stigma associated with mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida uses a family and community centered approach to assist individuals with mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for increased access to comprehensive services that are family-driven, youth guided, culturally and linguistically competent, and community based; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens, agencies, and organizations interested in advancing innovative strategies addressing children's behavioral health, including suicide prevention, can unite to promote effective services; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day provides a special opportunity for all Floridians to recognize and promote the importance of our children's mental health and well-being.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing May 9, 2019, as *Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in Florida*.



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 9th day of May, in the year two thousand nineteen.

  
Governor