



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs for children, youth, and families today is a fundamental key to the future of Florida; and

WHEREAS, mental health is critical to the well-being of our families, schools, communities and business; and

WHEREAS, untreated mental health issues in children and youth can lead to lifelong challenges for the children, their families, and the community; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination may keep those who might benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

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

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year to recognize the importance of our children's mental health and well-being and our responsibility to promote them; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, agencies, and organizations interested in partnering for health and hope following trauma can unite to promote effective services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 10, 2018, 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 12th day of April, in the year two thousand eighteen.

  
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Governor