



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JIMMY PATRONIS
STATE OF FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, a time to bring visibility and awareness to suicide prevention, treatment, and to ensure Floridians who suffer from mental health challenges have the resources and services available to assist them in times of need; and

WHEREAS, education about the warning signs of suicide and mental health issues, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD), can be empowering to families and friends to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has demonstrated its commitment to provide resources and prioritize preventive measures for those who are most at risk, including our youth, veterans, seniors, and first responders; and

WHEREAS, firefighters alone are attempting suicide at a rate five times higher than the general population and first responders as a whole are attempting suicide at rates more than ten times higher than the general population; and

WHEREAS, Florida recognized the need for services and benefits for our first responders suffering from PTSD, which causes them to have higher risks of suicide, implementing legislation in 2019 addressing this underserved population; and

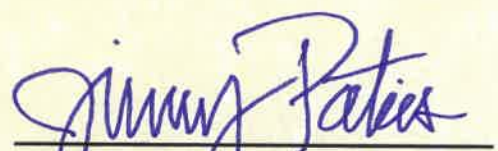
WHEREAS, all Floridians who feel like they need help are encouraged to contact the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255; or through their local 2-1-1 provider to receive confidential help that is available through their communities; or to text HOME to the Crisis Prevention Line at 741741; and

WHEREAS, it is never too late to get help and to find hope in wellness, recovery, and healing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize the month of September as

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 1st day of September 2022.


JIMMY PATRONIS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
STATE FIRE MARSHAL