



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, a gunman opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, taking 17 innocent lives in what will always be remembered as one of the darkest days in our state's history; and

WHEREAS, our state and nation mourns and will always remember the lives of Alyssa Alhadeff, Scott Beigel, Martin Duque Anguiano, Nicholas Dworet, Aaron Feis, Jaime Guttenberg, Chris Hixon, Luke Hoyer, Cara Loughran, Gina Montalto, Joaquin Oliver, Alaina Petty, Meadow Pollack, Helena Ramsay, Alex Schachter, Carmen Schentrup and Peter Wang; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget the heroes who risked and sacrificed their lives to protect the students, teachers, staff and families of those affected, nor the actions taken that day by our brave first responders and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School's teachers and faculty showed unwavering courage and compassion as they heroically ran toward danger to help save the lives of their students; and

WHEREAS, community members, religious leaders and volunteers from across our state continue to pray, heal and unite the community as they try to recover from this devastating act of violence; and

WHEREAS, Florida's leaders are working hard to stop those on a pathway to violence and prevent senseless tragedies from occurring; and

WHEREAS, the Parkland community has demonstrated tremendous resiliency, reminding us just how strong and united Floridians can be in the face of such devastating loss; and

WHEREAS, February 14, 2020, will mark the second anniversary of one of Florida's most tragic days; and

WHEREAS, the survivors, families and loved ones of the innocents who were lost, and the Parkland community continue to be in our thoughts and prayers; and

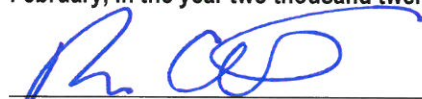
WHEREAS, we convey our sincere sympathy to the families and loved ones affected; express appreciation to those teachers and first responders of Parkland, Florida; and always remember that Floridians will stand strong in times of tragedy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by 4 U.S.C. § 7(m), as amended on June 29, 2007, and the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, do hereby:

1. Ask all residents of the State of Florida to pause for a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m. on February 14th; and
2. Direct all State flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on February 14th in memory of the 17 innocent lives lost.



IN TESTIMONY 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 February, in the year two thousand twenty.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE