



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, Florida suffered one of the darkest days in our state's history, when 17 lives were lost and 18 others were severely injured during a horrific act of violence at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the eighth anniversary of that tragic day; and

WHEREAS, we 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, Governor Ron DeSantis has made school safety a priority since he took office, dedicating over \$3 billion to increasing school safety requirements and funding mental health programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Governor DeSantis enacted SB 70, "Alyssa's Law," providing \$8 million to support the installation of panic alert systems in all traditional public and public charter schools across Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, SB 590 was signed into law, requiring Florida schools to develop plans to quickly notify parents of threats, unlawful acts, and significant emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Governor DeSantis signed HB 1421 into law, extending the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission and providing the commissioner additional oversight to ensure school safety; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Governor DeSantis signed HB 543 into law, authorizing private schools to implement safe school officers in partnership with local law enforcement, establishing the Florida Safe Schools Canine Program, and requiring all law enforcement agencies to adopt a written active assailant policy; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Governor DeSantis enacted HB 1473, banning the use of drones on school property, requiring students to be trained in the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool, and mandating that all school campus doors, gates, and access points remain closed and locked; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Governor DeSantis signed SB 1470 into law, expanding the Guardian Program to protect our youngest learners at childcare facilities, as well as further strengthening the physical hardening of our schools; and

WHEREAS, we honor the memory of the innocent Floridians lost on that tragic day and pray the families, loved ones, and the Parkland community heal and find peace as they continue to grieve their loss.

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 10:17 a.m. on February 14th in recognition of Marjory Stoneman Douglas Remembrance Day; 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 Floridians we lost eight years ago.



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 12th day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-six.



Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State