



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, thousands of Florida children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

WHEREAS, 77% of all children in school are bullied verbally, of those 28% are also bullied through physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bullied are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as *National Bullying Prevention Month* and urge all Floridians to support activities that promote healthy child, youth, and character development.



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 third day of October, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor