

By Senator Farmer

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing January 12, 2018, as "Student Mental Health Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, students are one of Florida's greatest assets, and state universities and Florida College System institutions strive to support students during their studies at the state's postsecondary institutions, and

WHEREAS, a study by Emory University revealed that, each year, more than 1,000 students nationwide commit suicide on college campuses, and

WHEREAS, according to the American College Health Association's Spring 2014 National College Health Assessment, 17.5 percent of college students were diagnosed with anxiety, 12 percent of college students were diagnosed with depression, and 91.6 percent reported feeling overwhelmed by the expectations of college, and

WHEREAS, for every student diagnosed with depression or anxiety, there are countless others afraid to come forward because of social repercussions associated with seeking mental health support, and

WHEREAS, the state's colleges and universities were built to be havens of knowledge, opportunity, and success for all who seek them and should strive to provide students with the support they need, including mental health support and services, as students work to meet their goals while attending the state's postsecondary institutions, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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That in recognition of the need to support the mental health of the state's postsecondary students, January 12, 2018, is recognized as "Student Mental Health Day" in Florida.