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### **Secretary Mayhew Recognizes Mental Illness Awareness Week**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew released the below video recognizing Mental Illness Awareness Week.



Mental Illness Awareness Week is from October 6 – 12, 2019, and World Mental Health Day is on October 10, 2019. AHCA is joining the National Alliance on Mental Illness to raise awareness of mental illness, educate the public, fight stigma and provide support.

Building upon the bold leadership of Governor DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis, the Agency has worked to better coordinate efforts across state government, to identify gaps in access to behavioral health services and begin reducing the stigmas around discussing mental health issues as part of the Hope for Healing Florida initiative.

In Florida, if you need someone to talk to who can understand what you are dealing with dial 211 today, and you will be connected to resources and services right in your community.

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