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DEAR FRIENDS:

As we approach the end of committee weeks, we come closer to the start of the 2020 Legislative Session. Thus far, some bills have been moving through the legislative process and many important updates have been presented before some of my Committees on the status of our State. This being said, I will be sharing some of the bills that I have introduced for the upcoming Legislative Session in this month's newsletter. Additionally, I will be sharing information on Movember and the various Veteran's Day events occurring within our community. Later this month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our dearest family and friends, and I wish you all a happy holiday and know that I am both thankful and grateful to be your State Senator.

As always, we are here to help, so please contact my office if you have concerns or need assistance.

Verin Roudes



MOVEMBER

November marks the month where men's health is brought into the spotlight. The Movember movement is symbolized by the growing of facial hair, which is meant to bring awareness to prostate cancer, testicular cancer, male mental health, and suicide. It is estimated that men die on an average of six years earlier than women from mostly preventable causes. In the United States, prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among men. On the other hand, testicular cancer is recognized as the most common cancer among younger men, and, unfortunately, one in every twenty men loses their battle with this form of cancer. Additionally, on a global scale, six out of every ten suicides are men, and, on average, every minute of the day, a male dies of suicide. This movement is dedicated to bringing awareness to the topic of men's health in an effort to encourage them to make regular doctor appointments and seek the assistance they need.

OTHER SOBERING STATISTICS INCLUDE:

- If left unchecked, prostate cancer rates will double over the next 15 years
- Testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50 years
- Global statistics show that males account for 75% of all suicides

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

To Learn more about "Grow a Mo, Save a Bro" at: US.Movember.com/Get-Involved/Moustaches Learn more about "Move for Movember" at: US.Movember.com/Get-Involved/Move

2020 BILL PREVIEW

A topic in last month's newsletter was how to navigate the Florida Senate website (FLSenate.gov) in order to follow any legislation that either I or my colleagues have filed. To build on that, I will be sharing two of the bills that I have introduced for the upcoming Legislative Session.

SB 302 ADOPTION RECORDS

Under current law, an adoptee who is over the age of 18 is required to obtain their adoptive parent's signature to receive a copy of their birth records. Listening to their stories made it clear that no adult adoptee should ever have to ask their adoptive parents permission to get a copy of their own birth records. This bill will remove that provision in the law so that adoptees who are themselves adults will no longer be required to obtain these signatures in order to get their records.

SB 184 HOLOCAUST EDUCATION ACT 0F 2020

This bill updates the original 1994 law by strengthening the requirements to teach the Holocaust in schools. As you may already know, the incident that occurred in Spanish River High School was unacceptable and prompted me to propose this bill. This piece of legislation would ensure statewide, uniform curriculum standards in all 67 Florida School Districts. It requires the Department of Education, in consultation with a local organization that have the primary purpose of providing education about the Holocaust, to create curriculum standards and require both charter and private schools accepting government vouchers to participate in this education. Additionally, the Department will need to compile a roster of volunteers who are willing to share their knowledge and experience in classrooms, seminars, and workshops on the subject of the Holocaust. Lastly, it mandates that the Department of Education fund a County School District Holocaust coordinator or, in the case of smaller School Districts, a regional coordinator.



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS

BOCA RATON VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

9:00am-11:00am **Countess de Hoernie Park Spanish River Athletic Facility 1000 NW Spanish River Blvd**

DELRAY BEACH VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



5301 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

All Day Veterans Park Veterans Park Recreation Center 802 NE 1st Street

COCONUT CREEK VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

11:00am-12:00pm Veterans Park 3550 Lyons Road Coconut

PARKLAND VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

11:00am Veterans Park Veterans Park 6620 University Drive

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CORAL SPRINGS VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

10:30am-11:30am Veterans Park 8601 Royal Palm Blvd

WELLINGTON VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

8:15am Wellington's Village Hall 12300 Forest Hill Blvd



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