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**Tallahassee**, FL – **Representative Dan Daley (D-Coral Springs)** issues the following statement on the upcoming fourth anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Tragedy.

"Time does not heal all wounds. Four years ago, on February 14<sup>th</sup>, our community changed forever. While most of the world has moved on, I know that many in our community are still healing. Many are still dealing with the pain and frustration. Many families now have a permanently empty seat at the dinner table.

However, in the years since this horrific tragedy, I have seen glimmers of hope. I have seen and worked beside survivors and families of those we lost who have taken their grief and sorrow and turned it into community activism - becoming strong advocates for change in the battle to end gun violence. Our community refused to settle for the way things were and have since marched, organized, and advocated for change. They have inspired the nation.

Over the last four years, the Legislature has passed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act, "Alyssa's Law' (the alert system in public schools), and School Safety Legislation that included the "Parents Need to Know" bill (which will alert parents of potential threats). These are small but monumental steps in the right direction to make the world a safer place, but there is still so much work to be done.

The MSD 17 are in our hearts today and every day. As time moves forward, we will never forget, and we will never stop working."