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STATEMENT FROM CHIRLANE MCCRAY, FIRST LADY OF NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK—Today, New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray, who has made shattering the stigma around mental health and increasing access to mental health services and resources the chief focus of her platform, issued the following statement in response to a *New York Times* article indicating a rise in suicide by black children.

“Like so many parents, I was shocked and saddened to learn that the suicide rate among black children – too many of whom are exposed to trauma, stress, and violence – has nearly doubled. This study should serve as a wakeup call for all of us. It is our shared responsibility to intervene when our children are struggling. The health and well-being of all our children is our highest priority. That is why we must work, as citizens and as a City, to reach children where they are – in the home and in the classroom – to get the services they need and deserve.”

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