



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FOSTER CARE MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the family is the foundation of our communities and our state and serves as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Florida has many compassionate foster families that provide thousands of children and youth with safe, secure, and stable homes; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship, and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals and organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS, community-based support structures provide invaluable service to youth in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month provides a special opportunity to recognize the role that foster care plays in the lives of our young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2019 as *Foster Care Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor