



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers ratified the Declaration of Independence, a historic document declaring that, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among those are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness;" and

WHEREAS, this document laid a foundation for future prosperity and helped establish a government based on individual liberties and the rule of law, which is society's sacred bond; and

WHEREAS, as Americans and Floridians, it is our duty to preserve the fundamental principles, freedoms, and liberties that have ensured the continued prosperity of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day is an important opportunity to honor the brave men and women in uniform who have defended our nation's enduring values, whom we can never thank enough for their courage and sacrifices;


WHEREAS, since 1870, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has been recognized as a federal holiday so that Americans may celebrate our Nation's timeless truths and great freedoms that call to our higher sense of patriotism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by 4 U.S.C. § 7(m), as amended on June 29, 2007, and the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, do hereby:

1. Proclaim Thursday, July 4, 2019, Independence Day in Florida in recognition of the founding of our great Nation; and
2. Ask all residents of Florida to take time to celebrate the freedoms enshrined in our Nation's founding on this 243<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and
3. Ask all residents of Florida to honor those who protect our Nation's independence.



IN TESTIMONY 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2019.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE