



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

PAYCHECKS FOR PATRIOTS IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is recognized as one of our nation's most military and veteran-friendly states, with 1.5 million veterans calling the Sunshine State home; and

WHEREAS, the patriotism of those in uniform who have defended the timeless truths and great freedoms on which our nation was founded will continue to serve as inspiration for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the leadership, maturity, selfless sacrifice and dedication learned in military service, among other assets, are what today's veterans bring to Florida businesses; and

WHEREAS, veterans, National Guard members, reservists, and their families gain meaningful employment and training for career opportunities through the Florida workforce system, consisting of the Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Education, CareerSource Florida, and the 24 Workforce Development Boards operating more than 100 career centers statewide; and

WHEREAS, Florida's workforce system is hosting annual Paychecks for Patriots career fair events throughout the state to provide veterans the opportunity to meet employers as well as learn about and apply for immediate job openings; and

WHEREAS, this year Paychecks for Patriots includes virtual career fairs to increase access statewide to employers and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven years, more than 6,710 veterans and military family members have participated in Paychecks for Patriots events across the state; and

WHEREAS, nearly 150 Local Veterans Employment Representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialists, who are veterans themselves, work daily to assist veterans with resume building, helping them translate the skills they have mastered through their military service; and

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to helping our veterans succeed through programs like the Governor's Initiative on Lawyers Assisting Warriors (GI LAW) and the Forward March Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, in an effort to further help veterans and military families advance their careers and job training opportunities, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all celebrating Paychecks for Patriots during the weeks of November 4-21, 2020.



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 4th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty.



Governor