



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to empowering its residents to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, autism is a neurological diagnosis that can affect the normal functioning of the human brain, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control estimates that autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism affects one in 54 children in the United States, with more than 47,000 being students in Florida Public Schools in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure their growth and development, doctors, therapists, and educators are available to help persons with autism address the challenges they face and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the appropriate education, intervention, and therapy; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that persons living with autism have access to lifelong care and services; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day is an important opportunity to educate, raise public awareness, and enhance the understanding of the issues affecting people with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby my support to all observing April 2021, as *Autism Awareness 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 April, in the year two thousand twenty-one.


Governor