



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA FOSTER FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, foster families provide a unique opportunity to impact children's lives by providing care for children until they can be reunified with their families, or find a forever family; and

WHEREAS, children in foster care need and deserve a loving, supportive, nurturing, and quality foster family; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,350 foster families are currently licensed throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Florida Department of Children and Families, community-based care lead agencies, Florida Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, state and local agencies, and communities join together to raise awareness of the need for quality foster families in Florida; and

WHEREAS, approximately 7,250 children in Florida live with foster families; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes designates the second week of February as Florida Foster Family Appreciation Week, to recognize the enduring and invaluable contributions foster parents provide to children in their care; and

WHEREAS, Florida Foster Family Appreciation Week also provides families and children across Florida an opportunity to celebrate the impact that foster families have on their lives; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians are encouraged to open their hearts and homes to children in this state who are in need of a quality foster family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 11-15, 2019, as *Florida Foster Family Appreciation Week*.



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 7th day of February, in the year two thousand nineteen.


Governor