



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA FOSTER FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, as the future of our state, our children are Florida's greatest resource; and

WHEREAS, many children in foster care across our state need and deserve a loving and supportive family; and

WHEREAS, the decision to foster a child provides families with the opportunity to make a difference by providing care for children until they can be reunified with their families or find forever families; and

WHEREAS, in Florida there are approximately 6,240 licensed foster families and 7,670 children living with foster families; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet and through her Hope for Healing Florida program, First Lady Casey DeSantis is working alongside state agencies to improve the health, safety, stability, and quality of life of our children; and

WHEREAS, child advocates across our state are working to better the lives of our children and ensure that they have every opportunity to succeed and pursue the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, Floridians are encouraged to consider caring for children who are in need of a safe and caring home; and

WHEREAS, Florida Foster Family Appreciation Week is an opportunity to celebrate foster families who have impacted the lives of children in their care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 9-15, 2020, 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 4th day of February, in the year two thousand twenty.



Governor