



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS, Florida is committed to preventing sexual assault and empowering our residents to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and**

**WHEREAS, sexual violence impacts citizens in communities across our state regardless of age, gender or ethnicity; and**

**WHEREAS, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control states that one in three women and one in four men experience sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetimes; and**

**WHEREAS, sexual violence can be prevented through creating a safe environment where community members support one another and speak out against harmful actions, attitudes, and conversations; and**

**WHEREAS, the goal of this month is to increase public awareness about sexual assault, rape and harassment, known together as sexual violence, and educate communities on how to prevent it, while recognizing the many who have experienced some form of trauma, including sexual violence; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence; and**

**WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Florida is an opportunity to encourage our communities to discuss ways to prevent sexual assault, while working together to raise awareness.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing April 2021, as *Sexual Assault 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-one.**

  
Governor