



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, each year Floridians face the threat of severe weather events including tornadoes, thunderstorms, flooding, extreme temperatures, lightning, and hurricanes, all with potential impact to life and property; and

WHEREAS, last year, Florida was impacted by Hurricane Michael, which caused massive impacts across Northern Florida, including sheltering and evacuation; and

WHEREAS, numerous severe weather-related injuries and substantial property damage occurred in 2018 according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

WHEREAS, continued population growth increases the need for families to prepare for severe weather events and establish emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that an effective public outreach program highlights all types of severe weather risks and a preparedness campaign is implemented to educate citizens and visitors in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, along with its local, state and federal partners, volunteer and professional associations, elected leaders, and news media are committed to educating Florida citizens and visitors about severe weather preparedness so they may better protect themselves, their families, and their businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and the Florida Division of Emergency Management's *Get A Plan!* public education campaign help citizens and visitors understand the importance of emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary to be prepared in emergency; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida are encouraged to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and participate in the various programs during Severe Weather Awareness Week, such as the Statewide Tornado Drill on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 10 a.m.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 14 – 18, 2019, as *Severe Weather Awareness Week 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 14th day of January, in the year two thousand nineteen.


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VIETNAM VETERANS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, it is an honor to recognize the many veterans who have made countless sacrifices for Florida families; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the United States began the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, a 13-year program to honor and thank those who answered the call to serve in the war; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 service members made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War, thousands more were wounded, and 1,600 remain missing in action; and

WHEREAS, the families and friends of missing service members continue to endure uncertainty concerning the fate of their loved ones who remain unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans contribute to our state and nation by offering skills, education, leadership, and dedication learned in military service; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to more than 519,000 Vietnam-era veterans; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those brave men and women who served, were wounded, or died in battle; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans Day presents the opportunity for the people of Florida to honor and thank our Vietnam veterans for their service to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 29, 2019, as *Vietnam Veterans Day 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 21st day of February, in the year two thousand nineteen.


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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.


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