



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, autism affects more than three million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological diagnosis that affects the normal functioning of the human brain; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism address the challenges they face and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby my support to all observing April 2019 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 21st day of March, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor