



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) AWARENESS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Floridians with unique abilities play an important role in our communities and enrich our lives; and

WHEREAS, all persons with unique abilities are protected by federal civil rights laws including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, ensuring the civil rights and elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities in access to employment, transportation, telecommunications, state and local services, and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1992, the major provisions of the ADA became effective; and

WHEREAS, Florida is proud to be an accommodating state for more than three million individuals who live daily with some form of physical or mental disability, and we remain dedicated to supporting individuals with unique abilities and their families as they work to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with unique abilities as set forth in the State of Florida's Constitution, Article I, Section 2, and is embodied with the ADA and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, organizations and advocates throughout Florida work with constituents and the community to bring forth the promises of hope and freedom that were envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, Florida ensures individuals with unique abilities are supported so they may live, work, and participate in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, the State of Florida will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with a virtual statewide ADA 30th Anniversary Celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 24, 2020, as *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Awareness 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 24th day of July, in the year two thousand twenty.


Governor