



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to empowering its residents to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 million Americans have developmental disabilities, and face unique challenges in being able to live independently and work in our communities; and

WHEREAS, people born with developmental disabilities are represented in all communities across our state; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida supports more than 100,000 residents with developmental disabilities through services provided by state programs including the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Health, and Department of Education's Divisions of Exceptional Student Education, Blind Services, and Vocational Rehabilitation, and by partner organizations and thousands of private-sector and community providers; and

WHEREAS, Florida has made record investments to serve Floridians with unique abilities so they may continue to live more independently and find great jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021-22 Florida Leads Budget recommends continuing this investment to help more Floridians with disabilities receive services and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida works with dozens of partner organizations and thousands of private-sector community providers to support those with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day is an opportunity to raise public awareness and enhance the understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing March 30, 2021, as *Developmental Disabilities 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 30th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor