



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

***DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH***

**WHEREAS, Florida is home to 2.8 million people with disabilities – many who use their God-given abilities to work in their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities serves more than 58,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities annually, including helping over 4,000 Floridians find meaningful employment; and**

**WHEREAS, the state of Florida and it's partners have greatly impacted the state's economy by helping individuals with disabilities go to work, and increasing their ability to achieve self-sufficiency; and**

**WHEREAS, programs run by the Florida Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Division of Blind Services have assisted more than 6,600 individuals with employment, and nearly 30,000 kids with success in school; and**

**WHEREAS, Floridians with disabilities can also locate jobs through Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, CareerSource Florida, and 24 local workforce development boards across the state; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's partnership with the Able Trust has worked with employers and community organizations throughout the state to enable thousands of Florida's citizens with disabilities to enter the workforce; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Opportunity's Unique Abilities Partner Program recognizes businesses that are committed to providing career and financial opportunities to individuals with unique abilities, and to the organizations that support them; and**

**WHEREAS, these programs have an lasting impact on the lives of Floridians with disabilities by offering job placement assistance, training, support services, and job coaching; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's Disability Mentoring Day activities are hosted throughout October to provide mentoring and job shadowing employment opportunities for students and job seekers with disabilities; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida joins the Nation in recognizing the contributions of Floridians with unique abilities by celebrating October 2022, as Disability Employment Awareness Month.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2022, as *Disability Employment Awareness Month*.**



**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 October, in the year two thousand twenty-two.**

  
Governor