



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH**

**WHEREAS, the health and safety of Florida's youth and families is paramount; and**

**WHEREAS, bicycles provide the means to travel to work, school, and parks and play an important role in the lives of millions of Florida's residents and visitors, as a popular form of recreation and exercise and motivating ecotourism; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida was named the 10th most Bicycle Friendly State in America by the League of American Bicyclists for 2019 and Florida ranked first in the Infrastructure and Funding category reflecting a strong statewide commitment to building a safe bicycle infrastructure; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has prioritized the safety, accessibility, and mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists on Florida's roadways; and**

**WHEREAS, FDOT and many local governmental agencies across the state have adopted complete streets goals and policies to develop a multimodal transportation system that supports walking and biking as safe transportation options; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health encourages all citizens to develop habits of physical activity such as walking and biking to become or stay fit, avoid obesity, and reduce the risk of many chronic diseases; and**

**WHEREAS, bicycles provide an economical means of transportation, thus increasing access to employment, providing active transportation options for those without access to a motor vehicle, and reducing traffic congestion, emissions, and air pollution; and**

**WHEREAS, 60 percent of Florida residents live within one mile of bicycle facilities, and the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan establishes the vision for implementing a connected statewide system of greenways and trails for recreation, conservation, alternative transportation, healthy lifestyles, a vibrant economy, and a high quality of life; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida Bicycle Month is an opportunity to encourage the use of bicycles as a way of transportation, recreation and exercise.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2021, as Florida Bicycle 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 March, in the year two thousand twenty-one.**

  
Governor