



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH

WHEREAS, bicycles play an important role in the lives of millions of Florida's residents and visitors providing active transportation options for those without access to a motor vehicle; 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, 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, the Florida Department of Transportation and local agencies across the state have adopted complete streets goals and policies to develop a multimodal transportation system that supports walking and biking as active modes of transportation and prioritizes the safety, accessibility, and mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists on Florida's roadways; and

WHEREAS, bicycling, as an active mode of transportation, reduces traffic congestion, emissions and air pollution and motivates 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, Florida Bicycle Month is an opportunity to encourage the use of bicycles as a mode 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 2022, 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 1st day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written in a cursive style.

Governor