FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH

WHEREAS, bicycling plays an important role in the lives of millions of Floridians by providing means to travel; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and many local governmental agencies encourage the use of bicycles as a mode of transportation on Florida’s roadways; and

WHEREAS, roadway safety is a top priority of the Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has various programs focused on preventing traffic crashes and improving the safety, accessibility, and mobility of Florida residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan advances the creation and sustainability of bicycling trails with a vision for a connected trails system that enhances Florida’s economy, tourism, health, active transportation, recreation, conservation, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, nearly 25 million residents and tourists participate in bicycling annually, with more than 18.4 million bicyclists using paved trails and nearly 6.5 million using unpaved trails;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2019 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 21st day of February, in the year two thousand nineteen.

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Governor