



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH

WHEREAS, health, safety, and economic wellbeing are paramount for Floridians; and

WHEREAS, bicycles reduce traffic congestion, mitigate emissions and air pollution, motivate ecotourism, and provide an essential form of active transportation for those without access to a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and local government agencies across the state have adopted policies to develop a multimodal transportation system that supports walking and biking as safe transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan establishes the vision for a connected statewide system of greenways and trails to support Florida's diverse transportation system and encourage healthy lifestyles, conservation, a vibrant economy, and a high quality of life for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Casey DeSantis directed \$10,000 through the Hope Florida Fund to a Polk County based organization that provides bicycles for use as an affordable transportation option; and

WHEREAS, according to the League of American Bicyclists, in 2022, Florida accounted for more than 20 percent of the nation's newest Bicycle-Friendly Businesses and was named the 8th most Bicycle-Friendly State in America, receiving "A" grades in both the Education & Encouragement and Policies & Programs categories; and

WHEREAS, Florida Bicycle Month is an opportunity to encourage the use of bicycles as a form 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 2023 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-three.


Governor