



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN FOUNDERS' MONTH AND CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Section 683.1455, Florida Statutes, designates the month of September as American Founders' Month in recognition of the contributions of the founders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 1003.421, Florida Statutes, designates the last full week of September in Florida's schools as Celebrate Freedom Week to recognize the sacrifices made for our nation's great freedoms and timeless truths; and

WHEREAS, countless brave Americans have laid down their lives in battles near and far to protect our founding principles and liberties that define us as a nation; and

WHEREAS, all educational institutions, along with other civic and religious organizations, are encouraged to recognize American Founders' Month in honor of our founding fathers; and

WHEREAS, Florida schools are encouraged to engage in instruction relating to the contributions of our founding fathers, including an in-depth study of the Declaration of Independence, a historic document that laid a foundation for the future prosperity of our nation and helped establish a government based on individual liberties and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, rediscovering the value of civics education is paramount to helping our children and students achieve the American dream and acquire the foundational knowledge needed for properly discharging the duties of citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2019 as *American Founders' Month in Florida* and the last full week of public school classes in September as *Celebrate Freedom Week in Florida*.



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 September, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor