



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the state of Florida has previously experienced severe weather in the form of extreme rainfall or tropical system events resulting in flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding has caused damage and losses to homes and buildings in all areas, whether they are in high-risk special-flood hazard areas or low-to-moderate risk flood zones; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has 468 communities that voluntarily participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that provides residents with the opportunity to protect their property against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, 245 of these communities voluntarily participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) which sets higher regulatory standards to reduce flood risk and potential flood damage to these communities which in turn provide premium discounts to NFIP policyholders; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor DeSantis awarded more than \$318 million in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through the Resilient Florida Program to help prepare coastal and inland communities for the adverse impacts of flooding and storm surge; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and


**WHEREAS**, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety, and welfare of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Floodplain Managers have declared the second week in March as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and preparedness for emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend support and encouragement to all observing March 4 – 10, 2024, as *Flood Awareness Week*.



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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-four.

  
Governor