



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the state of Florida is home to millions of school-aged children whose safety and wellbeing is fundamental; and

WHEREAS, each school day, regardless of weather, thousands of loyal school crossing guards ensure the safety of our children and families as they arrive to and depart from school; and

WHEREAS, the Ramon Turnquest School Crossing Guard Act, in Florida Statute, requires local government entities that administer school crossing guard programs to train their crossing guards according to state guidelines to ensure the preparedness of these vital professionals in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida prioritizes public safety and the significant role of education to ensure the protection of our children and the crossing guards who assist them; and

WHEREAS, the commendable service, responsibility, and professionalism demonstrated by our school crossing guards is recognized annually through the Florida Department of Transportation's *School Crossing Guard of the Year* award; and

WHEREAS, school bus and pedestrian safety resources to establish supplementary safety measures for school crossing guards and the schoolchildren, families, and pedestrians they protect are further provided by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Florida school crossing guards provide essential public safety and services to our communities and deserve acknowledgement and praise for their diligent efforts to protect our children and families; and

WHEREAS, the first Friday in February is an opportunity for Floridians to recognize and celebrate the essential service and steadfast dedication these admirable individuals provide to protect Florida's schoolchildren across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 3, 2023, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day 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 3rd day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Governor