



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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 governments encourage the safe use of bicycles for 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 aimed to prevent roadway accidents to keep people safe; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan advances the creation and sustainability of bicycling trails by establishing the vision for a connected trails system that enhances Florida's economy, tourism, health, alternative 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 on unpaved trails;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2017 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 24th day of February, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor