

## RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR

## YOUTH SUCCESS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, protecting our youth and preparing them to live long, successful lives remains a top priority in Florida; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Casey DeSantis' Hope for Healing Florida initiative promotes the well-being, safety, economic stability, and quality of life of our children with the support of state agencies and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) prioritizes the well-being of youth and is committed to preventing juvenile delinquency and reducing recidivism of those in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, providing resources to support the mental well-being, opportunities, education, and well-being of our youth through community outlets has contributed to their success; and

WHEREAS, Florida's youth ambassadors are real-life stories of children in Florida who overcame troubling obstacles and participated in prevention programs to be an inspiration for their peers and those at risk of entering the system; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of DJJ and its providers to improve the way at-risk youth are treated through innovative, front-end programs, early intervention services, and mental health and substance abuse support services is reducing the number of youths who enter into the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet is another recourse for children, created in 2007, to ensure collaboration among state agencies is in place to best serve our children to allow them to overcome any obstacles they may face; and

WHEREAS, our communities are committed to increasing public safety and reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of youth who are at risk; and

WHEREAS, DJJ and its stakeholders and partners are working tirelessly to partner with our local communities to be part of the solution in improving the lives of our youth, while reducing juvenile crime and enhancing public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2, 2022, as *Youth Success 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Governor