FLORIDA FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

WHEREAS, family caregivers are the foundation of Florida’s long-term care system and a primary source of support for older adults and others with chronic conditions or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, spouses, relatives, and friends provide a broad range of assistance critical to supporting independence and self-sufficiency while delaying or preventing placement in institutional settings; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers provide physical, social, emotional, and financial assistance and support for loved ones who are chronically ill or have a disability; and

WHEREAS, more than 992,000 Floridians age 60 and older have at least one form of disability; and

WHEREAS, almost 60 percent of all Florida caregivers provide this loving service even while they maintain the responsibility for full or part-time employment; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Florida youth are selflessly providing care for siblings, parents, and grandparents; and

WHEREAS, some 67,400 Florida grandparents are dedicated to raising grandchildren during their retirement years; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers and those who support them across America are recognizing and celebrating National Family Caregiver Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 2016 as Florida Family Caregiver 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 first day of November, in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor