WHEREAS, Florida has the highest population percentage of individuals age 65 or older in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida's older population serves as a treasured link to our past, present, and future, and Florida's youth represent a bright future for our state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Elder Affairs recognizes that Intergenerational Month is a time to embrace the contributions and experiences of all generations; and

WHEREAS, Intergenerational Month improves relationships by increasing the cooperation and interaction between youth and older adults thereby allowing them to share their talents and resources; and

WHEREAS, Intergenerational Month encourages multigenerational planning in communities to address the needs of all age groups while helping to build stronger social connections regardless of age; and

WHEREAS, Intergenerational Month highlights the diversity of people of all ages and engages them in civic, educational, and cultural programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Intergenerational Month reminds us that collectively, individuals and families can build community capacity to engage and address the needs of all ages; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Florida residents to learn more about the benefits of intergenerational programs and activities during Intergenerational Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2018 as Intergenerational Month in Florida.