WHEREAS, volunteers serve every day in Florida, making our communities safer, stronger, and healthier; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, including seniors, children, and those with unique abilities; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Florida serve as tutors and mentors at schools, helping students achieve academic success and preparing them for the workforce; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Florida support veterans by providing job training and engaging veterans in community service, and

WHEREAS, following Hurricane Michael, Floridians volunteered more than 1,000,000 hours to help their neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Florida work to protect and restore our precious natural resources, from beaches to rivers, and forests to lakes; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Florida serves as the Governor's lead agency for service and volunteerism in Florida, promoting volunteerism, and mobilizing Floridians to serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2019 as Volunteer Month 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 1st day of April, in the year two thousand nineteen.

Governor