



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

***RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH IN FLORIDA***

**WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs enhance our quality of life by contributing to a healthy lifestyle, community building, economic development and environmental sustainability; and**

**WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs boost the economy, attract new business, and increase tourism; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 175 state parks, trails and historic sites that inspire residents and visitors with recreational opportunities and scenic beauty that create personal connections and experiences which help strengthen families, educate children and support local economies; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Park Service is the proud recipient of three National Gold Medals for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, making Florida America's only three-time Gold Medal winner; and**

**WHEREAS, our parks and trails ensure ecological beauty, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and**

**WHEREAS, local, state and national parks located within the State of Florida contribute to the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents of and visitors to our state.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 2019 as *Recreation and Parks 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 July, in the year two thousand nineteen.**

  
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Governor