



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH**

**WHEREAS, bicycling plays an important role in the lives of millions of Floridians by providing means to travel to work, school, and parks and is a popular form of recreation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and many local governments throughout the state have adopted goals and policies to develop a multimodal transportation system that supports transportation alternatives, including the bicycle, and encourages the use of bicycles for transportation on Florida's roadways; and**

**WHEREAS, roadway safety for vulnerable road users, including bicyclists, has been elevated to a critical priority of the Florida Department of Transportation in order to reduce fatalities and serious injuries and encourages motorists to share the roadways with bicyclists and for bicyclists to observe all traffic laws; and**

**WHEREAS, bicycle usage promotes health and wellness in the state and is an important part of encouraging all citizens to develop habits of physical activity; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan advances the creation and sustainability of bicycling trails by establishing the vision for a connected trails system that enhances Florida's economy, tourism, health, alternative transportation, recreation, conservation, and quality of life; and**

**WHEREAS, nearly 25 million residents and tourists participate in bicycling annually, with more than 18.4 million bicyclists using paved trails and nearly 6.5 million on unpaved trails;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2015 as *Florida Bicycle 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 27th day of February, in the year two thousand fifteen.

  
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Governor