



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA WEEK

WHEREAS, smoking cigarettes is a costly addiction and costs many smokers their health, money and time with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, nonsmokers can also relate to the emotional aspect, whether they are encouraging a loved one to quit or supporting someone going through their quit journey; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco Free Florida is a statewide campaign dedicated to saving money for individual tobacco users and the state as a whole, while improving the health and well-being of Floridians; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 alone, an estimated \$3.2 billion in smoking-related health care costs was saved as a result of declines in adult smoking in Florida and the reduction in adult smoking rates from 2007 to 2015 resulted in approximately \$17.7 billion in savings in cumulative smoking-related health care costs; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida is committed to the goals and objectives of Tobacco Free Florida Week through a variety of public health activities and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 7-13, 2017, as *Tobacco Free Florida Week*.



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 24th day of April, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor