



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA SCHOOL NURSE DAY

WHEREAS, children are the future and by investing in them today we are ensuring a healthier tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Florida's 2.8 million students in 3,706 schools need to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017-2018 school year, there were 763,588 reported student health conditions in Florida schools, some of them requiring complex procedures and life-saving care during the school day; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are registered professionals who not only manage the day-to-day health and safety of students at school, but also serve as gatekeepers to promote student access to health care services in their communities; and

WHEREAS, registered professional school nurses provide services that range from vision and hearing screenings to complex medical procedures, medication administration, sick care, first aid and prevention of communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, registered professional school nurses are uniquely positioned to reduce health barriers to learning which helps Florida students graduate and become self-supporting adults; and

WHEREAS, Florida School Nurse Day provides a special opportunity to commend all of Florida's registered school nurses for their professionalism and dedication, and encourage Floridians to learn more about the work of the registered school nurses who care for our children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 8, 2019, as *Florida School Nurse Day*.



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 8th day of May, in the year two thousand nineteen.


Governor