



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida owes a lasting debt of gratitude to those who gave their lives in military service to secure the blessings of liberty; and

WHEREAS, a debt of gratitude is also owed to our Gold Star Families: parents, spouses, siblings and children who have lost a loved one who made the greatest sacrifice of all in protecting our way of life; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Casey DeSantis and Governor Ron DeSantis have made it a priority to honor the memories of our fallen heroes and meet with Gold Star Families throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 on June 23, 1936, designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day; and

WHEREAS, we honor all Gold Star Family Members in Florida and throughout the nation for their courage and tenacity in the face of the tremendous sacrifices made by their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag is flown on Gold Star Family Day in Florida to symbolize the respect and gratitude we have for our fallen heroes and Gold Star Family Members; and

WHEREAS, a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument was dedicated at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell in October 2021, joining five other monuments on permanent display throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles produces a Gold Star vehicle license plate for Gold Star Family Members to honor their fallen family members; and

WHEREAS, as of September 2022, there are about 1200 Gold Star vehicle license plates in circulation showcasing the community of Gold Star Family Members in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida was proud to host the 2022 American Gold Star Mothers National Convention in West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star Family Day grants Floridians the opportunity to show abiding gratitude and keep the memory of deceased service members alive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing September 25, 2022, as *Gold Star Family Day 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 25th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-two.


Governor