



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS, in 2019, the high prevalence of asthma in the U.S. affected approximately 25 million Americans, among them nearly 1.3 million Florida adults; and**

**WHEREAS, asthma is a chronic condition that involves inflammation of the airways, causing breathing difficulty, wheezing, chest tightness, and coughing; and**

**WHEREAS, approximately 7.4% of Florida adults and 7.6% of Florida children currently have asthma; and**

**WHEREAS, asthma is more common among children, women, low-income and inner-city residents, and minority communities; and**

**WHEREAS, exposure to allergens and irritants such as dust mites, mold, cockroaches, pet dander, and secondhand smoke can trigger an asthma episode; and**

**WHEREAS, secondhand smoke worsens children's asthma, a situation affecting up to one million children in the U.S.; and**

**WHEREAS, there are simple steps people can take to reduce their exposure to environmental asthma triggers; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Asthma Program, within the Florida Department of Health, coordinates statewide efforts to reduce asthma disparities and hospitalization rates, as well as increase the number of people with asthma receiving self-management education; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health encourages Floridians to identify and reduce their exposure to environmental triggers; and**

**WHEREAS, the month of May is designated as National and International Asthma Awareness Month; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing the month of May 2022 as Asthma Awareness 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 May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.**

  
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Governor