



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

LAW DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Law Day is a “day of national dedication to the principles of government under law,” as stated by President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the way that freedom of speech and freedom of the press provide the foundation for our free society; and

WHEREAS, Law Day will be commemorated in the State of Florida with various activities conducted by The Florida Bar and Florida’s voluntary bar associations from Pensacola to the Keys; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians are encouraged to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 1, 2019, as *Law 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 first day of May, in the year two thousand nineteen.





Governor