



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

OLDER DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida's 5.5 million elders are valued members of society and deserve to lead longer, healthier and more productive lives; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Florida drivers 65 years and older made up 22 percent of the driving population with more than 160,000 being involved in crashes on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, recent research by AAA indicates that older adults can expect to outlive their ability to drive safely by seven to ten years; and

WHEREAS, older adults are also at risk when choosing options such as walking or biking; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) continues its commitment to Vision Zero, with the goal of a fatality-free roadway system; and

WHEREAS, FDOT's Safe Mobility for Life Program and Coalition helps older adults achieve mobility independence through education about the importance of understanding aging's impact on safe driving, being proactive about safe driving skills, and planning for a safe transition from driving; and

WHEREAS, Older Driver Safety Awareness Week in Florida is an opportunity to encourage everyone to help reduce injuries and tragic loss of life by being proactive about safe driving skills and by building a plan to maintain quality of life beyond the driver's seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing December 7-11, 2020 as *Older Driver Safety Awareness Week 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 7th day of December, in the year two thousand twenty.


Governor