



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK IN FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS, Florida's children deserve access to the highest-quality education possible; and**

**WHEREAS, school choice allows families to explore and identify the best education options available to serve their child's needs; and**

**WHEREAS, in Florida, we recognize the essential role that an education plays in preparing children to become great citizens and successful adults. That is why Florida offers a variety of educational choice options that include many different types of public and non-public schools, as well as programs for families who educate their children in the home; and**

**WHEREAS, on March 27, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law House Bill 1, a historic expansion of Florida's Family Empowerment Scholarship, to create universal school choice across the state; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida ranks Number One for education freedom on the American Legislative Exchange Council's *Index of State Education Freedom: A 50-State Guide to Parental Empowerment's Report Card on American Education*; and**

**WHEREAS, the Heritage Foundation ranks Florida first in the nation on the Education Freedom Report Card for the second year in a row, which ranks each state's level of education freedom; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida ranks first in the nation for parent involvement in education on the Center for Education Reform's Parent Power! National Overview; and**

**WHEREAS, during the 2023-24 school year, 397,000 students were enrolled in 738 charter schools throughout Florida; and**

**WHEREAS, School Choice Week in Florida is recognized across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for educational freedom.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 22-28, 2024, as *School Choice 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, in the year two thousand twenty-four.**

  
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Governor