WHEREAS, school library programs promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading, and are an important asset in the education of Florida's youth; and

WHEREAS, school library programs significantly contribute to student achievement by providing instructional support resources and services; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide access to information in a variety of formats within the school, as well as digital resources outside of the school; and

WHEREAS, learning to become effective users of information and ideas is essential as Florida's youth prepare for their futures; and

WHEREAS, promoting competencies in using new and emerging technologies is an integral part of school library programs; and

WHEREAS, school librarians are instructional partners and consultants in the teaching and learning process;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2019 as School Library 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 21st day of February, in the year two thousand nineteen.