WHEREAS, Florida has a bold vision for a brighter future, and continues to be on the cutting edge of innovation, remaining focused on diversifying our economy and strengthening our workforce; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development Week, created by the Florida Economic Development Council, is an opportunity to honor the achievements of economic, workforce and community development practitioners throughout Florida communities; and

WHEREAS, economic, workforce and community developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for Florida communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, Florida continues to see positive economic indicators including low unemployment, an increased labor force and private-sector job growth, due in part to dedicated economic, workforce and community professionals who have attracted businesses to Florida, and continue to secure economic growth and success for our state; and

WHEREAS, economic, workforce and community developers attract and retain high-quality talent to Florida and collaborate with local workforce development boards and higher education providers to develop the skills of Florida’s career seekers, thereby enhancing our competitiveness and improving the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Florida Economic Development Week is an opportunity to recognize Florida’s economic, workforce and community development and ensure the State of Florida remains the ideal location to live, work and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 9-15, 2020, as Florida Economic Development Week.

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 5th day of February, in the year two thousand twenty.