



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND TRAILS MONTH

WHEREAS, greenways and trails conserve native landscapes and ecosystems, link natural areas with communities, and provide Florida residents and visitors of all ages and abilities with year-round opportunities for health and fitness activities and a connection with the state's natural, historical and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, a record 5,722,851 residents and visitors enjoyed healthy outdoor activities on Florida's nine state shared-use trails in 2016, supporting tens of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Greenways and Trails in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Recreation and Parks is working with partners throughout Florida to establish a statewide system of greenways and trails, advancing Florida's economy, tourism, health, transportation, recreation, conservation and quality of life per resident; and

WHEREAS, Florida residents and visitors have access to more than 10,000 miles of land-based trails, including the congressionally designated Florida National Scenic Trail, 43 National Recreation Trails and more than 4,000 miles of water trails;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2017 as *Florida Greenways and Trails Month*.



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 28th day of September, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor