



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial presents the capital of the third largest state in the country with an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate 200 years of remarkable achievements by citizens with drive, determination and ambition from the beginning; and

WHEREAS, Florida became a U.S. Territory in 1821, according to terms of the Adams-Onís Treaty between the United States of America and Spain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee was chosen to be the seat of government and Florida's capital for this newly-formed territory on March 4, 1824, because of its scenic beauty and enchanting cascade, agricultural quality of its rich soils and its strategic geographic position halfway between St. Augustine and Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of Leon County were drawn to encompass the newly-designated capital and the County was established by the Territorial Legislature that same year on December 29, 1824; and

WHEREAS, Florida would later be admitted as the 27th state in the United States in 1845, with Tallahassee as its capital; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County are home to three world-class higher education institutions, Florida State University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Tallahassee Community College, which collectively serve approximately 70,000 students each year; and


WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County community is renowned for its beautiful parks, tree-lined roads and over 700 miles of hiking, biking, running, paddling and riding trails which encourage healthy, active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial Commemoration is an opportunity to recognize the impact and contributions that the City of Tallahassee and Leon County have on the state, nation and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 11, 2024, as the *Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial Commemoration*.



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 11th day of January, in the year two thousand twenty-four.


Governor