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The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
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Plaza Level 05, The Capitol  
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Dear Governor DeSantis,

On behalf of the members Florida Government Finance Officers Association throughout our great state, the request is being made of you to personally present a proclamation in honor of the inaugural “Florida Government Finance Professionals Week.” The dates for this special week are March 16 to 20. It would be optimum for several of our representative members to receive this proclamation from you in Tallahassee either during or prior to the start of that week.

The Florida Government Finance Officers Association has more than 3,300 members statewide. Our members are dedicated to financial integrity. The professional finance officer’s knowledge, integrity and dedication ensure that funds entrusted to government are properly budgeted, disbursed and accounted for. This accountability is a key element in affirming people’s faith in government.

Thank you for your dedicated service to the people of the State of Florida. Your consideration of this request is truly appreciated. It would mean a great deal to our members to have you present the proclamation.

Very truly yours,

Ken Burke  
FGFOA President

***FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS RECOGNITION WEEK IN FLORIDA***

**WHEREAS**, Government Finance Officers serve their organization by managing day-to-day accounting operations, balance the budget, establishing financial policies and other roles that improve the safety, livability and vitality of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Finance Officers are dedicated to providing fiscal stewardship and accountability to taxpayers and elected representatives by safekeeping public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Finance officers are professionals who are credentialed through degrees, certifications and continuous education; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Finance Officers provide financial transparency to the citizens of Florida through timely publication of financial statements that meet the highest standards of governmental accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Finance Officers are integral to the integrity needed for citizens to have faith and trust in their government; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Finance Officers strive to remain true to the values that drive our work as public servants, and

**WHEREAS**, The Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) is a professional association founded in 1937 that serves more than 3,300 professionals from state, county and city governments, school districts, colleges and universities, special districts, and private firms; and

**WHEREAS**, the FGFOA is dedicated to being a professional resource by providing education, networking, leadership and information to its members; and

**WHEREAS**, this inaugural Florida Government Finance Officers Week, sponsored by the FGFOA and all of its member governmental organizations, is a weeklong series of activities aimed at recognizing finance professionals and the vital services that they provide to our state and our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby declare the week of March \_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ as Florida Government Finance Officers week in acknowledgement of their hard work, professionalism, dedication and leadership.