



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to helping all Floridians lead safe and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Malnutrition refers to deficiencies, excesses, or imbalances in a person's intake of energy and/or nutrients and can lead to short- and long-term health problems, slow recovery from wounds and illnesses, higher risk of infection, and cognitive degeneration; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition, is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations including hospitalized patients, the elderly, and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, clinical quality measures can help improve nutrition screening and intervention, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), for the first time, approved multiple malnutrition-specific clinical quality measures for two CMS qualified clinical data registries; and

WHEREAS, Malnutrition Awareness Week is an opportunity to educate healthcare professionals about early detection and treatment, and raise awareness of nutrition's role on patient recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 4-8, 2021, as *Malnutrition Awareness 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 4th day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor