



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has deemed the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to be National Consumer Protection Week; and

**WHEREAS**, National Consumer Protection Week's purpose is to educate the public on issues such as avoiding scams, protecting yourself against identity theft, and reporting fraud for people in your community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services, housed within the Department of Financial Services, actively investigates alleged acts of insurance and workers' compensation fraud against Floridians; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing fraud epidemic in Florida, I, as CFO, have launched Fraud Free Florida, an anti-fraud initiative and website aimed at better coordinating collective investigative efforts and to protect Florida's consumers from scams; and

**WHEREAS**, the FTC's four tips to avoid a scam are: don't give out personal or financial information to an unknown request, resist the pressure to act immediately, understand how scammers ask for payment, and stop and talk to someone you trust; and

**WHEREAS**, fraud reporting is crucial to allow the appropriate authorities to investigate and prevent future fraud crimes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as,

**NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK**

and urges all Florida consumers to be weary and cautious of potential scams.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.



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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

