



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JIMMY PATRONIS
STATE OF FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Florida is home to 125,950 trucking companies, primarily small, locally owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, trucking careers serves as one out of every eighteen jobs in the state of Florida, with more than 453,000 Floridians employed in the trucking industry; and

WHEREAS, 84.9% of communities in Florida depend exclusively on trucks to import and export their goods; and

WHEREAS, Florida trucks transport more than 95% of manufactured tonnage, which is equivalent to 470,310 tons per day; and

WHEREAS, the Florida trucking industry paid approximately \$1.5 billion in federal and state roadway taxes; and

WHEREAS, Florida truckers transport 70% of the fuel needed to power Florida's electricity grid, distribute 540 million pounds of food to food banks annually; and

WHEREAS, total trucking industry wages paid in Florida in 2022 exceeded \$24.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, Florida Trucking Association (FTA) has been promoting and protecting the trucking industry for 90 years as the sole state liaison between the trucking industry and the legislative, regulatory, and judicial branches of state and federal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize September 15th-21st, 2024, as

NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

and encourage all Floridians to thank a truck driver and practice safe driving around large trucks.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 16th of September 2024




JIMMY PATRONIS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
STATE FIRE MARSHAL