RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA'S CELEBRATION OF ROMANIA'S 100TH GREAT UNION DAY

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2018, all Romanians, including those residing in the United States, will celebrate 100 years since the Great Union of Romanians, which led to the consolidation of a modern state inspired by the principles of freedom, democracy, economic liberty, and social progress; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Romania share a deep and longstanding friendship built around democratic values, historical ties, and a joint commitment to advancing the strength of transatlantic security and the promise of their mutual prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the talent, energy and creativity of successive generations of Romanian-Americans, their rich cultural heritage and their contributions to American progress represent a precious feature of the American society; and

WHEREAS, ties between Florida and Romania are increasingly more diverse due to an expansion in bilateral trade, educational programs, and the advent of an open community of American and Romanian youth who engage freely in innovation and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Florida continually works to diversify its economy and expand international trade and foreign direct investment; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, merchandise trade valued at $147.7 billion flowed through Florida's ports, making the state one of the world's leaders in international trade and no other site in the Western Hemisphere can match Florida's unique combination of strategic geographic location, state-of-the-art infrastructure, multilingual workforce, and concentration of corporate and financial resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing December 1, 2018, as *Florida's Celebration of Romania's 100TH Great Union Day.*

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 September, in the year two thousand eighteen.

Governor