

PROCLAMATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3(c)(1) of the Florida Constitution permits the Governor to convene the Legislature in Special Session during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of this Proclamation, or of a communication from the Governor, or as is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the membership of each house of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026, I called a Special Session scheduled to commence at 12:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2026, and extending no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Special Session is to consider legislation relating to the drawing of congressional districts for the State of Florida and any legal challenges thereto, including the appropriation of additional funding for such litigation; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of artificial intelligence provides the opportunity to optimize business practices and foster innovation; however, artificial intelligence platforms have caused harm to individuals and to society; and

WHEREAS, Florida leads the nation in parental rights; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has the responsibility to protect Floridians, especially minors, from the dangerous and deceptive practices of large technology companies that wield artificial intelligence platforms; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature must act to safeguard the rights and well-being of our citizens by establishing an Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, Florida was the beacon of sanity during the COVID-19 pandemic, promoting freedom over fear; and

WHEREAS, no Floridian should face discrimination based on mRNA vaccine status; and

WHEREAS, every family in Florida possesses the fundamental right to parental informed consent related to the vaccine status of their minor child; and

WHEREAS, it is now prudent to amend the call of the Special Session originally scheduled to commence on April 20, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 3(c)(1) of the Florida Constitution, do hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1. The proclamation on January 7, 2026, calling the Legislature of the State of Florida for a Special Session relating to consideration of legislation for the drawing of congressional districts for the State of Florida and any legal challenges thereto, including the appropriation of additional funding for such litigation, is amended to include consideration of legislation relating to (1) protecting Floridians from the dangers of artificial intelligence including an AI Bill of Rights for Floridians, and creating, as necessary, public records exemptions related to investigations of alleged artificial intelligence harms and (2) medical freedom, similar to Senate Bill 1756, which passed the Senate in March.

Section 2. The call to the Legislature of the State of Florida for this Special Session is further amended to commence at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2026, and extend no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2026.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed to this Proclamation amending the call to the Legislature in Special Session at the Capitol, this 15th day of April, 2026.




RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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