



Good Morning!

This past week I joined Governor Ron DeSantis for the signing of [Senate Bill \(SB\) 646](#), which I sponsored during the 2020 Legislative Session. This legislation provides Florida's 11,000 talented college athletes the opportunity to receive reasonable compensation from the use of their name, image and likeness, just like every other college student.

Governor DeSantis also signed the following bills into law this past week:

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 716: County Boundaries](#), which I sponsored, provides for a boundary line change to property that is located partially in Indian River County and partially in St. Lucie County. This legislation alters the boundary lines, which has the support of the property owners and both Counties involved.

[SB 7018: Essential State Infrastructure](#) provides for the plan, design, and construction of permanent Staging Areas for Emergencies (SAFE) as part of Florida's Turnpike System to facilitate prompt emergency assistance in response to a declared state of emergency.

[House Bill \(HB\) 969: Broadband Internet Service](#) creates the Florida Office of Broadband within the Department of Economic Opportunity to lead efforts for high-speed internet installation within or adjacent to Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance. This legislation will help ensure broadband internet is available in rural areas so that first responders can quickly and accurately reach Floridians during times of need on and around these multi-use corridors.

[HB 61: Adoption Benefits](#) provides incentives for veterans and military members to adopt children from the state's child-welfare system. This legislation expands a program that provides incentives to state employees to adopt children. State employees can receive a one-time benefit of \$10,000 for the adoption of a child with special needs and \$5,000 for adoption of a child without special needs. These benefits are now available to veterans and military members as well.

I consider it a great honor to represent District 17. Please share [this link](#) with your friends and family so that they too can sign up for the [Mayfield Minute](#). If you or someone you know needs my assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you!



Re-Opening Florida K-12 Schools

Recommendations and plans to safely re-open Florida's K-12 Schools were announced this week for our local school districts to consider. The plan outlines the nearly \$475 million in state directed education financial assistance provided to Florida through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Recommendations for Re-Opening K-12 Campuses include:

- Step 1 – June: Open up campuses for youth activities and summer camps.
- Step 2 – July: Expand campus capacities further for summer recovery instruction.
- Step 3 – August: Open campuses at full capacity for traditional start of the academic year.

For details on these recommendations and reopening strategies, please visit [FLDOE.org](https://www.fl DOE.org).

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida Education Commission Richard Corcoran signed an Emergency Order this past week that eases eligibility requirement for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. The Bright Futures Program establishes lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement.

The order provides for flexibility in satisfying the volunteer service requirements. If students were unable to complete volunteer work during the 2019-2020 academic year, they will be allowed to submit statements from school counselors or authorized administrators certifying that the student had planned for or intended to complete the service hours.

It also extends the deadline for students to earn a qualifying score on the SAT, ACT or other qualifying test to July 31st. This will ensure that students have adequate time to meet the minimum eligibility score requirements for the scholarship. Visit [FLDOE.org](https://www.fl DOE.org) for details.

District 17 Highlights

Remembering George Taylor

Yesterday George Taylor, a Vietnam War Veteran and longtime champion of veteran's issues in Brevard County, was laid to rest in Titusville. George was an incredibly dedicated advocate for our veterans and helped thousands of homeless veterans that needed a hand up.

To help those struggling to survive and find housing, George Taylor founded the [National Veterans Homeless Support \(NVHS\)](https://www.nvhs.org) organization in 2008. At that time there were approximately 4,500 homeless veterans living in Central Florida, 1,800 of which lived in Brevard County. By 2018, Brevard County's homeless veteran population has been reduced by 88%.

I am proud that this year the Brevard Delegation secured \$190,000 for NVHS to support their veteran assistance programs. We will forever be grateful for his service to our country and community, and we know that his legacy will live on through this great organization.

Derelict Vessels Removed from Indian River Lagoon

This past week Indian River County began the process of removing seven derelict vessels from the Indian River Lagoon. The removal of these abandoned vessels are made possible through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) Derelict Vessel Removal Program which provides municipalities grant money to reimburse 100% of the costs associated with the removal effort.



Not only are derelict vessels unsightly, they also cause physical damage to the Lagoon floor and shoreline habitats, as well as create navigation hazards for the boating public. FWC awarded a \$22,100 grant to Indian River County for this project. CCNK LLC was selected as the County's contractor to perform the removal and disposal of the derelict vessels. The majority of the vessels are being removed using a combination of floats and heavy equipment, then are being towed to nearby boat ramps for removal.

The Florida Legislature allocated approximately \$3.5 million for the FWC Derelict Vessel Removal Program in the 2020-2021 budget. For more information about the FWC program or to view the Map of derelict vessels and their status, please visit MyFWC.com.

Brevard County to Host AAU Junior Olympic Games

Governor Ron DeSantis visited the Space Coast to announce that the [54th Amateur Athletic Union \(AAU\) Junior Olympics Games](#) will be hosted in Brevard County. This is the largest national multi-sport event for youth in the United States.

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners voted to allocate Tourist Development Tax funding to support the event. The event will provide a positive economic impact to the Space Coast area of at least \$3 million to \$3.5 million from upwards of 10,000 hotels room nights, restaurants and other local businesses benefiting from an influx of 2,000 to 3,000 athletes, coaches, parents and their families to the area from in-state and out-of-state. This is the second time the Games have been held on the Space Coast, and the sixth time in Florida.

I look forward to seeing these talented young athletes compete when the games begin at the end of July.

Space Coast TPO Open House

The Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will be hosting a public Open House to discuss trending road projects and the future of Brevard's transportation system. The TPO will also be discussing their Vision Zero initiative aimed at reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries to zero.

Space Coast TPO Open House
Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM
Center for Collaboration
1100 Rockledge Blvd, Rockledge, FL

This event is free to attend and interested individuals may participate in person or online. To register please visit SpaceCoastTPO.com.

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