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serve Florida"**

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PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

~Florida celebrates public service and those who serve~

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Jeb Bush has proclaimed May 1-7, 2006, Public Service Recognition Week in Florida. Florida joins other state, federal and local governments in honoring the dedication, talents and contributions of public service employees.

"Government employees teach our children, protect our health, keep our families and communities safe, preserve our natural resources and respond in times of need. Every day, public employees at every level of government are providing essential services to our citizens. This week, I encourage Florida citizens to take time to recognize those who work in government and their commitment to public service," said Governor Bush.

Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to highlight the broad ranges of services provided by government, to celebrate the value of public service and to honor those who serve Florida.

"Our state employees are our most valuable resource. They are the face, the heart, and the soul of state government," said Department of Management Services Secretary Tom Lewis, Jr. "Education, transportation, health care, public safety ... every citizen, every day is touched in some way by the basic quality of life services that government provides. Our state employees are the unsung heroes who make it all happen."

The State of Florida has 118,097 full-time employees. Throughout the week, state agencies are honoring their employees and their dedication to service excellence.

The Department of Management Services is sponsoring an ice cream social for DMS employees and will present service awards to employees including Mary Austin and Christine Brandon, both who have worked for Florida government for 30 years.

The Department of Corrections is hosting a luncheon and pinning ceremony, a popcorn social and other events for its employees during the week.

The Department of Transportation District 4 team is recognizing their employees with employee breakfasts, a chips and salsa social and a round of Division Team Jeopardy this week.

DMS serves those who serve Florida. DMS provides administrative support for state agencies and state employees including human resource, insurance, retirement, office facility, purchasing, vehicle/aircraft, property surplus and information technology services. DMS also works to ensure that state services are accessible for people with disabilities and monitors the operation of Florida's private prisons. For more information, visit www.dms.myflorida.com.

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