



Dear Democrats,

This Memorial Day weekend, as we reflect on the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have served our country and our communities, we are reminded just how fragile our freedoms and rights are.

Last week our dangerous governor officially entered the race for president. It is imperative that we lead the country by communicating how disastrous DeSantis has been for our state, and how damaging his extreme agenda would be for America.

This Memorial Day we remember that freedom is not given but fought for, and we will continue to do just that every day in the honor of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Thank you for your continued leadership.

Forward,

Nikki Fried  
Chair  
Florida Democratic Party



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## Chair's Travels

In Miami this week I was joined by community leaders to denounce DeSantis's immigration law, which will wreak havoc on Florida's three biggest industries – agriculture, construction, and tourism.

Businesses across the state are already starting to feel the negative impacts before the bill has even gone into effect, which is set for July 1. Many migrant workers have already begun to flee Florida, leaving vacant job sites all across the state. Thank you to those who joined us on Friday to demonstrate that the economic impact of this new legislation will be far-reaching.

While in south Florida, I also had an opportunity to join the Broward Legislative delegation for their 2023 session recap meeting. Thank you again to



all of our legislators for their hard work this session.



Our Leadership Blue weekend is quickly approaching and we're excited to share special guests and speakers soon! Our room block will close on June 6, so please be sure to visit [leadershipblue.com](https://leadershipblue.com) to make your reservation today.

**Discounted pricing will end on June 6, and room availability is limited. We highly recommend you secure your room(s) ASAP!**

We look forward to seeing you at the Fontainebleau July 7-9!

[Room Block Link](#)

## **Wear Orange Weekend**

As part of our efforts to support our partners during **Wear Orange Weekend** in Florida we would like to invite you to honor survivors of Gun Violence by participating at some of the events **MOMS Demand Action** will be hosting around our state.

Below are links to events happening in Florida cities:

**Tampa Wear Orange Kick-Off with US Rep. Kathy Castor**  
**Friday, June 2 at 7PM**

**Jacksonville Wear Orange Unity Walk**  
**Friday, June 2 at 6:30 PM**

**Miami Wear Orange Mothers Fighting For Justice Gun Violence Awareness**  
**Saturday, June 3 at 12 PM**

**Miami Wear Orange, Circle of Brotherhood Peacemaker Park Groundbreaking and**  
**Beautification Project**  
**Sunday, June 4 at 12:30 PM**

**Orlando Wear Orange CommUNITY Rainbow Run & CommUNITY Festival**  
**Sunday, June 4 at 7 AM**

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## **Ballot Petitions**

Two weeks ago, Floridians Protecting Freedom launched a citizen-led ballot initiative campaign to give Florida voters the chance to ensure that their personal medical decisions are theirs and theirs alone to make. Volunteers can sign up to help and also sign up for training at the [FPF page linked here](#).

Many DECs and Caucuses are also carrying the [Florida Right to Clean Water](#) petition as they knock on doors and talk to voters. We encourage all of our DECs to carry both of these petitions.

FDP will be supporting these effort and we have added both petitions to [our petitions page](#).



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## **Deck Presentation**

At our State Executive Committee Meeting on May 6th, a presentation was given about resources available to DECs. DECK is a tool that is free for DECs to use. This resource helps local parties reach out to the right audience with the correct message for those voters. DECK also allows you to create targeted Facebook ads, pull donor list for your county, and has a list of left leaning unregistered voters.

Instructions on how your DEC can access DECK is in the presentation below.

**[Access Deck Presentation Here](#)**

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## Vote-by-Mail

As we draw closer to the 2024 campaign cycle, it is crucial that we prioritize the collection of Vote-by-Mail applications. Republican voter suppression tactics have resulted in the disenfranchisement of Floridians who would have otherwise been eligible to receive a Vote by Mail ballot.

Now that VBM rolls have been cleared, I urge each DEC, club and caucus to commit time every week to making phone calls, canvassing, and texting fellow Democrats to encourage them to reenroll in Vote-by-Mail. Want to share your VBM program with other DECs and Caucuses? Email [partyaffairs@floridadems.org](mailto:partyaffairs@floridadems.org).



[Voters can check their Vote by Mail status on our website here.](#)

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## FDP Bylaws

Attached below are the bylaws that was approved May 6, 2023. If you have any questions about the changes, please reach out to [partyaffairs@floridadems.org](mailto:partyaffairs@floridadems.org).

[FDP Bylaws](#)

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## New Logo

Help us find our new logo! FDP is now accepting design submissions for our new logo. To enter, submit a design to [logo@floridadems.org](mailto:logo@floridadems.org) with subject line "New Logo Submission."

Submission must be received by June 1, 2023.



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## Chair's Challenge

Competing and winning demand resources, and I am proud to announce the launch of our [Chair's Challenge](#). You can join the chair's monthly challenge by becoming a recurring donor to FDP. Every time I speak

with a group, I urge Democrats from Florida and across the country to donate a small amount each month. With just \$5 a month, you can help fund our party infrastructure, focus on long-term mobilization efforts, and revitalize our grassroots movement.



[Click Here to Join the Challenge!](#)

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## Caucus Events

If your Caucus is having an event and you would like to share, please email a flyer to [partyaffairs@floridadems.org](mailto:partyaffairs@floridadems.org). Please click on the graphic to learn more about the events!

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## FDP News Digest

You can find the latest news clips covering the Florida Democratic Party and other events below:

[\*Our democracy will be over': Nikki Fried offers dire predictions about a Ron DeSantis presidency\*](#)

[\*This Week in South Florida: Nikki Fried\*](#)

[\*DeSantis Allows Anti-"Woke" Giveaway To Big Wall Street Donors\*](#)

[\*Ron DeSantis administration officials solicit campaign cash from lobbyists\*](#)

[\*Sen. Shevrin Jones: DeSantis hasn't even scratched the surface of the harm he's capable of\*](#)

[\*Ron DeSantis, appearing in Idaho ads, calls for a constitutional convention\*](#)

[\*Denuncian éxodo de indocumentados, pérdidas en agricultura y poca mano de obra en Florida\*](#)

[\*Actions, not words: DeSantis is environment's enemy | Editorial\*](#)

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