Date February 11, 2022

Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Feb. 11, 2022



This week, I am challenging Floridians to show their love for law enforcement through our Hearts 4 Heroes Challenge. The challenge is a simple way to show appreciation for those who risk their safety to protect ours.
To participate, simply record a video, take a photograph or snap a selfie of an act of kindness—or giving of a small gesture—for an officer and post on Twitter using the hashtag #Hearts4HeroesChallenge. It can be as easy as giving a smile and a handshake or saying thank you for their service to show appreciation. Along with the post, I recommend tagging a friend to keep the challenge going.

I began the Hearts 4 Heroes Challenge during my visit to the Lake County Sheriff's Office by thanking the LCSO deputies and officers of the Lady Lake Police Department for their service and giving out candied conversation hearts.

Our law enforcement officers put their lives at risk daily and along with their noble profession, comes a great deal of stress. With the rise in fallen officers nationwide over the past few years, I want Florida to continue showing support for our brave law enforcement heroes.

The more people who participate in this challenge, the more our law enforcement heroes will feel loved and appreciated. So now through the end of the month, take a moment to join our challenge and do something nice for an officer in your community. To keep up with all the posts, search #Hearts4HeroesChallenge on Twitter. By supporting our law enforcement officers, you can help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



In The News

Ashley Moody Launches Social Media Effort to Thank Florida Law Enforcement Officers, Florida Daily

Read More

Attorney general visits with local law enforcement officers in The Villages, Villages-News

Read More

State attorney general honors local officers, The Villages Daily Sun

Read More

‘Possibly illegal behavior’: Ashley Moody blasts GoFundMe after Freedom Convoy flip-flop, Florida Politics

Read More

Gov. DeSantis, AG Moody hold roundtable discussion on immigration, FOX 13 Tampa Bay

Read More

Florida AG Moody, Hillsborough County Sheriff Arrests Home Health Care Owner On Medicaid Fraud, The Free Press (Tampa)

Read More

Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody Announces Arrest of Business Owner for Stealing Thousands from Medicaid Program



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, arrested a business owner for stealing thousands of dollars from the Florida Medicaid program. Rasheia James owned a home health care service company that provided services for Medicaid recipients. According to the investigation, James knowingly created and submitted falsified documents to Medicaid for services not rendered. James allegedly billed Medicaid more than $9,600 for services never provided to customers that needed health and personal support care.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Owning and operating a company that cares for patients is a noble endeavor—but abusing that ownership to defraud the Medicaid program out of thousands of dollars is shameless. Not only did James lie and falsify documents, but she intentionally stole taxpayer funds for personal benefit. I am thankful for my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit stopping this scheme and our statewide prosecutors will now hold her accountable." Read More

Attorney General Moody Prevails in Long Legal Battle with Federal Government Over Cruise Industry Lockdown



Attorney

General Ashley Moody is declaring victory following a long legal battle with President Joe Biden, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over the federal lockdown of Florida's cruise industry. Florida is the top state in the nation for cruises with approximately 159,000 hard-working Floridians who depend on the industry for their livelihoods. Good news for those families—following Attorney General Moody's relentless legal efforts, Biden's CDC has allowed the Conditional Sailing Order that shuttered the industry to expire, and now the state is moving to end the litigation.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "As the court said, Biden's industry-wide shutdown was, 'breathtaking, unprecedented and acutely and singularly authoritarian.' Furthermore, his draconian order had a very real impact on thousands of Floridians who were just trying to feed their families. I am proud to stand with Governor DeSantis against the shuttering of our cruise industry, and declare victory over a federal government that has proven time and time again that it has no qualms about exceeding its authority—even when it prevents hundreds of thousands of Americans from working." Read More

Governor Ron DeSantis, Faith Leaders, and Pedro Pans: Biden Border Crisis is Harming Children



Governor Ron

DeSantis, Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez, and Attorney General Ashley Moody met with Cuban Americans who as children were brought to Miami as part of Operation Pedro Pan and faith leaders who help human trafficking victims to bring light to the Biden administration's failed border policies which are endangering migrant children and our nation as a whole. By its own admission, the Biden Administration has stated that they lose contact with roughly one out of every three unaccompanied alien children (UAC) coming across the southwest border. More on the impacts of the Biden Border Crisis can be seen here.

"I am honored to fight alongside Governor Ron DeSantis as we protect Floridians from a federal government that violates its own immigration laws and intentionally makes this country less safe," said Attorney General Ashley Moody. "Florida stands united against crime, lawlessness, and a federal government that is using taxpayer funds and clandestine means to flood our state with unvetted, illegal immigrants—all while keeping our leaders in the dark about who is being relocated to our state."
Read More

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody participated in a roundtable discussion in Miami with Gov. Ron DeSantis, Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez, Cuban-American leaders, faith leaders and community stakeholders to address how failed immigration policies at the nation’s southwest border are impacting Florida. To watch the roundtable discussion, click here.



Attorney General Moody, alongside Gov. DeSantis, Lt. Gov. Nuñez and children of Operation Pedro Pan, on a tour of the American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora in Miami. The museum features an exhibit dedicated to Operation Pedro Pan, an airlift mission from 1960-1962 that helped Cubans escape from the communist Castro regime to the prosperity and freedom in the United States.


My First Plane Ride
A Rollercoaster Ride