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NOTE TO PRESS

TO: Members of the Press
FROM: Bryan Griffin, Director of Communications, Governor Ron DeSantis
DATE: Monday, February 10, 2025
RE: Florida Legislation Joint Proclamation

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Please see below a statement from the governor on the proclamation calling for a special session of the Florida Legislature on illegal immigration enforcement to convene this week.

"Florida always leads. We have a responsibility to enact policies that will help end the illegal immigration crisis once and for all, and our Republican leaders have been working tirelessly to do just that," **said Governor Ron DeSantis**. "The bills to be considered this week in special session take ideas from the various proposals and brings them together to enact the strongest legislation to enhance interior enforcement and to combat illegal immigration amongst the fifty states. The proposed legislation requires the full participation of state and local law enforcement with the Federal government in its enforcement of immigration law, prevents the 'catch and release' of illegal aliens, and ensures that illegal aliens who enter Florida are held accountable. It also provides significant resources to bolster these efforts. I want to thank the Florida Legislature for convening in special session on this important topic. In working together on this bill, Senate President Ben Albritton and Speaker Danny Perez have been great partners, and we have produced an aggressive bill that we can stand fully behind. I thank the members of the Florida House and Senate for delivering on behalf of the people who sent us here. I also thank Agricultural Commissioner Wilton Simpson for his support of this revised product to help combat illegal immigration. With the enactment of these policies, Florida will help the Trump Administration to deliver on the President's historic mandate to end illegal immigration. This is a big win for the people of Florida and demonstrates that we will continue to lead."

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