

## **Governor Ron DeSantis Speaks on His Bold Vision for Protecting Florida's Environment**

**May 7, 2019 - Tallahassee, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis spoke at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science regarding his bold vision to protect Florida's environment. The Governor was joined by Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Noah Valenstein.

“Four months ago, we set off on a bold agenda for Everglades restoration and water resources by asking for a historic \$625 million, and at end of the day ended up receiving more,” **said Governor DeSantis**. “I appreciate the Florida Legislature's support on this important issue. Florida is now on a course toward clean water, a restored Everglades and a healthier environment for generations to come.”

“From the beginning of this administration we recognized the need to address water quality issues and Everglades restoration, and we have hit the ground running,” **said Lieutenant Governor Nuñez**. “We're blessed to have a Governor who consistently delivers on his promise to protect Florida's environment. We will continue to fight to ensure that our state stays clean and beautiful.”

“Thanks to the leadership of Governor DeSantis and the support of our legislative leaders, Florida is making historic investments in our environment,” **said DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein**. “We look forward to advancing projects throughout Florida to improve water quality, protect our lands and restore our beaches. With more than \$400 million for Everglades restoration and significant funding for targeted water quality improvements, alternative water supply and to combat harmful algal blooms, I am confident we can achieve more now for Florida's environment.”