Statement by Secretary Wansley Walters Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

## What the Juvenile Justice Without Borders International Award Means to Me

On behalf of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), I am deeply honored to accept the Juvenile Justice Without Borders International Award from the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO). This prestigious honor means that the agency I lead is recognized for doing its utmost to provide the right service to the right youth at the right time. Using data and research to drive decisions and verify outcomes, Florida strives to lead the nation in its reform of juvenile justice administration. I am profoundly grateful to the IJJO for recognizing Florida's leadership in juvenile justice and this award confirms that we at DJJ are on the correct path.