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As part of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Attorney General Bill McCollum commends Sandy Shaughnessy of Leon County for her commitment to promoting Florida's cultural awareness and appreciation.



Sandy Shaughnessy is the Director of the Department of State's Division of Cultural Affairs where she has spent 10 years administering various programs, special events, and initiatives.

Sandy has over 18 years of experience working with performing arts venues, artists, producers and Broadway road show managers. Growing in New York City, Sandy has been hooked on the arts and culture since the age of three and has made bringing the arts to the people her passion.

Sandy makes the arts come alive and encourages exposure to artists from around the globe. She has been a driving force behind Florida's recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month, and has promoted statewide cultural art expositions and initiatives for two Florida governors and the Florida Cabinet. Under Sandy's leadership, thousands of children in Florida classrooms have been exposed to art and millions of dollars have been granted in the advancement of the arts. She is a true believer in the arts and has served as a tireless advocate for many years.

During her free time, Sandy serves as the Vice Chairman of the Southern Arts Federation, where she also serves as Chairman of the Programs and Services Committee. She has been a panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and a frequent guest lecturer at Florida State University on the public value of the arts and the arts administration.

Sandy has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Dramatic Literature, Theatre History, and the Cinema with a minor in Political Science from New York University.