



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY MONTH

WHEREAS, the need for highly literate citizens increases as Florida moves toward a future increasingly focused on technology; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 percent of Florida's adults experience literacy issues that severely impact their lives and families, their ability to work productively and their full participation as citizens and residents of our state; and

WHEREAS, parents create a foundation for their children's lifelong learning potential and are full partners with teachers, principals and administrators in the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, parents who improve their own literacy skills are better prepared to assist in the education of their children and are equipped with the tools and skills necessary to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Florida's public schools, volunteer and community-based literacy organizations, community colleges, and libraries provided adult basic education, literacy and family literacy services to more than 400,000 adults annually; and

WHEREAS, Floridians are encouraged to learn more about the importance of literacy and promote literacy in their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2009 as *Florida Adult and Family Literacy Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 31st day of July, in the year two thousand nine.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".
Governor