



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

*FLORIDA LITERACY MONTH*

WHEREAS, adult education provides learning opportunities for Florida residents who have not obtained high school credentials, or who have not mastered basic skills before graduating from high school, or who are English language learners; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs serve a diverse group of students, including those with learning disabilities, physical and emotional difficulties, as well as those who are in family literacy classes or correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, the need for highly literate citizens increases as Florida continues to rely on technology for our future; 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, family literacy refers to English literacy and life skills instruction designed to raise parents' education level, support parenting strategies, and help children develop foundational skills for future academic success; and

WHEREAS, parents who improve their own literacy skills are better prepared to assist in educating 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, colleges, and libraries provided adult basic education and family literacy services to more than 350,000 adults annually; and

WHEREAS, Floridians are encouraged to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by adult education and to support and participate in these programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2011 as *Florida 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 Capital, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, in the year two thousand eleven.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

Governor