



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***FLORIDA SERVICE LEARNING MONTH***

WHEREAS, service-learning allows students and other youth to practice knowledge, skills, and behaviors, through meeting community needs; and

WHEREAS, service-learning brings schools and communities together to work jointly on societal needs and problems; and

WHEREAS, service-learning empowers students and other youth to take leadership roles in improving society; and

WHEREAS, service-learning integrates service activities with academic curricula and Florida's Sunshine State Standards, providing students with hands-on, real-life learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, service-learning activities provide students and other youth with opportunities for career exploration and the chance to develop and practice job skills; and

WHEREAS, students not only learn about democracy and citizenship, they become actively contributing citizens and community members through the service they perform; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage all Florida teachers and schools to participate and engage others in service-learning activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2008 as

***Florida Service-Learning Month***

in Florida and call upon the people of the State of Florida to engage in service-learning projects, promote the spirit of service-learning, and observe the month with appropriate activities, programs, and ceremonies supporting the theme, "Raising Our Voices For Service-Learning."



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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year, two thousand eight.

  
Governor