



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 2009 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 26th day of January, in the year, two thousand nine.

A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.

Governor