



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA!

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education's mission is to increase the proficiency of all students within one seamless, efficient system, by providing them with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills through learning opportunities and research valued by students, parents, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Just Read, Florida!, is a comprehensive, coordinated reading initiative aimed at helping 2.6 million students become successful, independent readers and has thus been recognized as a national model; and

WHEREAS, the Just Read, Florida! initiative maintains its goals of helping every student in the K-12 system to read at or above grade level and making literacy the priority of every citizen in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, parents, families, neighbors and mentors play a crucial role in helping children learn to read; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education has developed partnerships with organizations statewide to promote literacy throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education wants to raise awareness of the literacy programs and projects offered by the Department and to increase involvement in these programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education seeks to change the culture of our schools from Pre-Kindergarten to postsecondary by raising the ceiling and raising the floor to better enable students for success in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education and its partners aim to promote the enjoyment of reading for all ages, children to adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 12 - 16, 2009, as ***Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!***



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 5th day of January, in the year two thousand nine.

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

Governor