



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is proud to recognize the many citizens of Hispanic heritage who call our state home; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month offers a unique opportunity to highlight Florida's rich Hispanic history, showcase achievements of Hispanic leaders and demonstrate how our Hispanic citizens strengthen Florida's cultural and economic ties to Spain, Latin America and beyond.

WHEREAS, this year's Hispanic Heritage Month theme, "*Celebrating Hispanic Leaders in Business - Past, Present and Future*," raises awareness of the positive impact Hispanic business leaders have had in the prosperity of our state and the important role they will play in our future success; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce estimates more than 266,000 Hispanic businesses operating in Florida, ranking the Sunshine State third behind California and Texas; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 100,000 licensed Hispanic professionals who day in and day out provide exceptional services, run successful businesses and greatly contribute to the economic success of communities throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic American entrepreneurs and business leaders provide meaningful employment to many citizens throughout our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 15 - October 15, 2011 as *Hispanic Heritage 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 2nd day of September, in the year two thousand eleven.

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

Governor