



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we join together to recognize the proud history and rich culture of Hispanic Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have enriched the economic, social and cultural landscape of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida benefits from a vibrant Hispanic heritage that plays an integral role in the enriching of our society and the growing of our economy; and

WHEREAS, accomplishments made by Hispanic Americans serve as inspiration to all who seek freedom, opportunity and a new beginning for themselves and their children; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the traditions, ancestry, and unique experiences of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the countries of Central and South America, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans contribute to our communities by serving the Sunshine State as entrepreneurs, public servants, scholars and artists; and

WHEREAS, countless Hispanic Americans work to protect the State of Florida and the nation through their involvement in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians are encouraged to learn about Florida's rich cultural heritage and the important contributions made by Hispanic Americans to the success of our great state and country;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2007 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 17th day of September, in the year two thousand seven.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor