



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, family involvement in a child's learning is critical to student success from preschool through college and sets the foundation for preparing Florida's students to be life-long learners and meaningful contributors to society; and

WHEREAS, creating an environment where learning takes place not just in a classroom, but as a central part of family life requires that parents play a more active role in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that there is a direct correlation between the high expectations and positive contributions of a child's parents and high student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the role of parents in creating a successful pre-school through college education system for Florida's children cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Florida's educational leaders are developing resources for parents looking to engage more fully in their children's education and to strengthen the connections between parents and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Parental Information and Resource Centers are available to provide information and training to support families and educators in using school and state accountability data, making informed school choice decisions, and establishing effective home-school collaborations so that families can be meaningfully involved in the education and development of students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 2009 as *Florida Parental Involvement in Education 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 Capitol, this 20th day of October, in the year two thousand nine.

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

Governor