



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

HOME EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is committed to excellence in education and to public policy that strengthens the family and recognizes parental choice in pursuit of that excellence and the importance of parental involvement in education; and

WHEREAS, home education has become an official educational option in the State of Florida, providing parents the ultimate authority and responsibility for the care, upbringing and choice of education for their children. The purpose of home education is to promote high academic achievement and character development in a highly nurturing home environment; and

WHEREAS, from the earliest days of our nation, there have been some prominent Americans who were home educated including George Washington, John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Robert E. Lee, Booker T. Washington, Helen Keller and Sandra Day O' Conner; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that children who are educated at home exhibit self-confidence and good citizenship and are fully prepared academically to encounter the challenges of today's society; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida appreciates and celebrates the commitment and determination of Florida home educators and home instructed students in recognizing their efforts and contributions to improve the quality of education in this great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 1 – 7, 2007 as *Home Education Week*.

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 25th day of March, in the year two thousand seven.




Governor