



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990, to provide a comprehensive mandate for the elimination of discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in access to employment, transportation, telecommunications, state and local services, and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1992, the final major provisions of the ADA became effective; and

WHEREAS, more than three million Floridians, roughly one-fifth of our state's population, live daily with some form of physical or mental disability; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth in the State of Florida's Constitution, Article I, Section 11 and is embodied in the ADA and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations and advocates throughout Florida work with constituents and the community to bring forth the promises of hope and freedom that were envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, July 26, 2009, celebrates the 19th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 26, 2009, as *Americans With Disabilities Act Day*.



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 26th day of June, in the year two thousand nine

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

Governor