



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***FLORIDA HIKING TRAILS MONTH***

**WHEREAS, the State of Florida has more than 2,500 miles of trails on public lands; and**

**WHEREAS, the hiking opportunities in Florida include the 1,400-mile Florida Trail, one of the few Congressionally-designed National Scenic Trails in the United States; and**

**WHEREAS, in addition to their normal beauty, Florida's hiking trails provide a year-round source of pleasure and recreation to Florida's citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, many of the citizens of this nation and state are becoming more health conscious and are turning to hiking to maintain a healthy lifestyle; and**

**WHEREAS, tourism in Florida is encouraged by the broad variety of hiking experiences available to its visitors; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Trail Association is Florida's volunteer organization for developing and maintaining hiking trails throughout the state; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida is the leader in recognizing the importance of hiking trails as recreational resources and as environmentally sound components of greenways and local communities;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 2009, as**

***Florida Hiking Trails Month***

**and commend the Florida Trail Association for its work in developing and maintaining Florida's hiking trails and further encourage all citizens and organizations in our state to take advantage of the opportunity to dedicate themselves to the protection and preservation of our hiking trails.**



**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year two thousand eight.**

  
Governor