



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH**

**WHEREAS, the bicycle plays an important role in the lives of millions of Floridians by providing a means to travel to work, school, and parks, and a popular form of recreation, helps motivate eco-tourism and historical preservation through the conversion of former rail corridors into multi-use trails, and promotion of bicycling has contributed significantly to economic redevelopment in a number of places; and**

**WHEREAS, increased bicycle usage will promote health and wellness in the state and is an important part of encouraging all citizens to develop habits of physical activity to become or stay fit, avoid obesity and reduce the risk of many chronic diseases and conditions; and**

**WHEREAS, increased bicycle usage can help reduce motor vehicle emissions and thereby reduce global warming impacts, provide mobility for those without access to a motor vehicle, and increase existing road and parking capacity when people choose bicycling for utilitarian trips; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and many local governments throughout the state have adopted goals and policies to develop a multimodal transportation system that supports transportation choices including the bicycle; and**

**WHEREAS, the Conserve By Bicycle Study conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation indicated that bicycling activity can be encouraged through effective programs and partnerships that target distinct populations of school children, commuters, and diverse groups for recreation and physical activity promotion;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2009 as *Florida Bicycle 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, in the year two  
thousand nine.



A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.

Governor