



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA RIVERS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 50,000 miles of rivers and streams; and

WHEREAS, Florida's waterways are precious resources, providing significant environmental and economic benefits to residents; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Florida has acquired more than 2.4 million acres of environmentally-sensitive land to protect water quality in rivers, lakes, estuaries and streams; and

WHEREAS, based upon one of the first state laws of its kind in the nation, Florida uses sound science to identify and restore degraded rivers; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, Florida has invested more than \$3.7 billion to upgrade and improve water and wastewater facilities and clean up stormwater pollution, funding about 2,400 projects statewide; and

WHEREAS, many Floridians serve as environmental stewards, participating in local and regional efforts to safeguard the state's rivers; and

WHEREAS, Florida joins other states throughout the country who recognize our nation's rivers during American Rivers Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 2010 as *Florida Rivers 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 13th day of July, in the year two thousand ten.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor