



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs enhance our quality of life by contributing to a healthy lifestyle, increasing communication skills, building self-esteem, teaching life skills, and providing places for enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new business, increase tourism, and reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, our parks and trails ensure ecological beauty, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plants and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, recreation, therapeutic recreation, and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have been ill or disabled; and

WHEREAS, Florida recognizes the benefits derived from quality public and private recreation and park resources at the local and state level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 2008 as *Recreation and Parks 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 11th day of June, in the year two thousand eight.




Governor