



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH***

**WHEREAS, Florida is home to over 4 million children living in families that deserve support from the diverse communities in which they live; and**

**WHEREAS, the children of Florida deserve to live and grow in healthy, nurturing environments, free from threats of violence and harm; and**

**WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and**

**WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and**

**WHEREAS, all Florida residents, businesses, schools, faith-based and community organizations play a great role supporting families to help raise children in a safe and nurturing environment; and**

**WHEREAS, during the month of April, public and private sector agencies, childcare professionals, child advocates and residents will be promoting community involvement to reduce parental isolation and conducting awareness efforts that educate parents and help prevent abuse before it starts;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2008 as *Child Abuse Prevention 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 Capital, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand eight.**



*Charlie Crist*

Governor