



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, research tells us that the greatest way to help children discover the joy of reading and become lifelong readers is to involve them early and often; and

WHEREAS, helping a child learn and love to read, is the ultimate goal to improve students' chances for success in school and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Newspapers in Education (NIE) program is an invaluable resource for teachers that can be used to reinforce school curriculum, develop student's creative abilities, improve reading skills, and motivate students to a greater understanding of the world around them; and

WHEREAS, for over twenty years, the Florida Newspapers in Education Coordinators have been community partners that have provided up-to-date relevant services to teachers and students; and

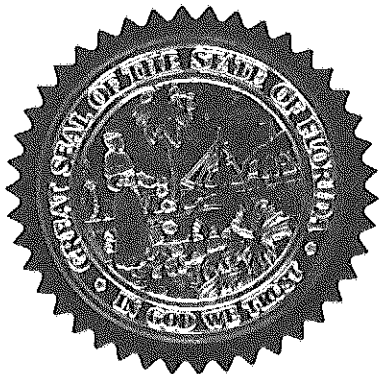
WHEREAS, by including newspapers in the classroom; students are motivated, have a resource that is always up-to-date and relevant, and can discover the rewards of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the International Reading Association, the National Council for Social Studies and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation commemorate and celebrate Newspapers in Education each March;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 2008, as

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in Florida and invite parents, students, and teachers to read newspapers daily and encourage the usage of newspapers in Florida schools to enhance and enrich their lives.



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 8th day of February, in the year two thousand eight.


Governor