



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to Florida's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Department of Commerce, more than 2300 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed, that make up more than 75% of the nation's 26 million plus business firms nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial communities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, more than 70% of young Americans envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth of any economy, and a broad coalition of partner organizations in Florida and throughout the United States are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Florida's young and adults to be SUCCESSFUL entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Career and Technical Student Organizations offer an array of programs, activities, and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives resolved to recognize an annual National Entrepreneurship Week that this year commences in February on February 20 - 27, 2010, which provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future places:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 20 - 27, 2010 as **Entrepreneurship Week**.



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 1st day of February, in the year two thousand nine.

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