



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the fabric and foundation of Florida is enriched by the diversity of cultures and traditions represented by the residents of this great region; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific Americans constitute one of the fastest growing ethnic minorities in Florida, speak many languages, honor countless traditions, and practice different faiths, yet are still strongly bound by a shared commitment to freedom and liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, encompassing many histories, languages and diverse cultures while sharing common American experiences, Asian Pacific Americans have achieved exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, politics, education, community service, arts and sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific Americans have strengthened our economy through their entrepreneurship, and have enriched our Nation with their strong values of love of family and community; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor the achievements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450, as amended, has designated the month of May each year as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month"; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a variety of community celebrations planned in Florida throughout the month will include cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2009 as *Asian Pacific American Heritage 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, in the year two thousand nine.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

**Governor**