



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, meaningful employment is fundamental to maintaining a healthy and vibrant economy as well as to providing Floridians with a sense of self-worth and contribution to their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the people of Florida are this state's greatest asset and vital to our ability to expand economic opportunities and firmly establish the Sunshine State as a global leader in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women who support the workforce talent needs of Florida through the state workforce development system, which includes Workforce Florida, Inc., the Agency for Workforce Innovation, 24 Regional Workforce Boards and 92 One-Stop Career Centers, are committed to assisting our state during these extraordinary economic times by providing exemplary career training and employment assistance to more than 1.7 million Floridians annually; and

WHEREAS, EmployFlorida.com, known as the Employ Florida Marketplace, serves as the state's powerful online job matching and labor market information exchange tool, receives more than 100,000 visits daily, currently lists more than 260,000 job openings monthly, provides employers access to more than 1.5 million resumes, is available at no charge 24 hours a day to assist people seeking new jobs and employers seeking new talent, and serves as an essential resource of the state workforce system and a gateway to additional services for enhancing Florida's workforce talent; and

WHEREAS, during the 10 years since Florida's workforce development system was created with the groundbreaking enactment of the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000, the people who make up this system have served more than 11.7 million customers, provided more than 305,000 individuals with job training, helped place more than 3.6 million workers into employment and provided more than five million services to nearly 169,000 employers; and

WHEREAS, Florida's workforce system continues to serve as a national model for innovation and has been recognized with honors such as the recent number-one ranking for workforce in CNBC's fourth annual America's Top States for Business rankings; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer leaders and dedicated professionals within the state workforce system remain firmly committed to the top priorities of helping unemployed Floridians get back to work and assisting those who are employed to advance within their professions while maintaining the system's demand-driven, business-led focus and strengthening Florida's talent supply chain to secure a sustainable and vibrant economic future for our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2010 as *Workforce Development 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 25th day of August, in the year, two thousand ten.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor