



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**SCHOOL NURSE DAY**

WHEREAS, our children are our future, and by investing in them today, we are securing our business, community, and state leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the physical, mental, and emotional health of our children is paramount to their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, school nursing is recognized as a specialized practice that advances the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students; and

WHEREAS, Florida's registered school nurses are dedicated health care professionals who work in collaboration with families, schools, and communities to develop and promote comprehensive health care programs for our youth, often providing health services in more than one school; and

WHEREAS, Florida's registered school nurses are dedicated leaders that manage our state's local school health programs and, in 2006-2007, provided 19.7 million services to Florida's 2.7 million students, including health screenings and referrals, immunizations, emergency health services, assistance with medications and specialized treatments, communicable disease prevention, health education classes and health promotion activities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's registered school nurses are critically important members of Florida's education system and provide essential health services that help to ensure that all students, those healthy and with chronic health conditions, function optimally and reach their highest academic potential; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize all of Florida's registered school nurses for their caring and dedicated efforts, and extend greetings and best wishes to all Floridians who take time to learn more about the value of the registered nurses who serve Florida's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 7, 2008 as *School Nurse Day*.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand eight.



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

Governor