



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

K9 VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, since at least World War I, America's dogs have played an important and often lifesaving role in America's wars; and

WHEREAS, beginning with a dog named Stubby, the "Great Dog of the Great War," America's soldiers have relied upon the skills and bravery of thousands of dogs, many of which died in action; and

WHEREAS, in World War I, dogs were used to detect deadly mustard gas; in World War II, they were used as couriers, to carry ammunition and to detect wounded soldiers on the battlefield; in Vietnam, they detected traps and warned of ambushes; and in Afghanistan and Iraq they located deadly mines and searched for enemy positions; and

WHEREAS, during World War I, nearly 7,000 dogs were killed in action; more than 10,000 dogs were in harm's way in World War II; 3,000 dogs served in Korea and 3,500 in Vietnam; 125 dogs were used to detect hidden munitions caches in Kuwait in the Gulf War, and 500 dogs are now serving in the war on terror; and

WHEREAS, through their selfless service, loyalty and bravery, America's dogs of war have saved countless lives and rendered honorable and largely unrecognized service to the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to recognize the police, border patrol, and customs dogs which provide invaluable service in keeping our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 13, 2011 as *K9 Veterans 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 Capital, this 11th day of March, in the year two thousand eleven.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

Governor