



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
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; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 13, 2010 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 Capitol, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand ten.**

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

**Governor**