

## State of Florida Resolution

WHEREAS, millions of Americans wore the uniforms of the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, following World War II, hundreds of thousands of veterans and their families made Florida their home; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.7 million veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States currently reside in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organizations have long recognized the need to serve Florida's veterans, their families and survivors; and

WHEREAS, many of these Congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organizations have opened posts and chapters in Florida to advocate for essential veterans' health care, education and employment benefits and services on the national, state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, in a spirit of camaraderie, patriotism and service to others, hundreds of thousands of Florida's veterans have joined local posts and chapters of Congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Florida has earned a reputation as one of the most veteran-friendly states in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize all 2009 State Commanders of Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations in the state of Florida and applaud them for their support and steadfast dedication to Florida's veterans and their families and wish them all a successful and productive year of service.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 12th day of January 2010.

*Charlie Crist*  
Governor

*Bill McCollum*  
Attorney General

*Alex Sink*  
Chief Financial Officer

*Charles H. Bronson*  
Commissioner of Agriculture