



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 made the ultimate sacrifice while thousands more were wounded in Vietnam in order to preserve our freedoms and it is also important to remember the 1,720 service members missing in action; and

WHEREAS, the families and friends of thousands of American soldiers must continue to endure uncertainty concerning the fate of their loved ones who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, since their return from service, Vietnam veterans have greatly contributed to our state and nation by offering skills, education, leadership, maturity, and dedication learned in military service; and

WHEREAS, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroism and dedication of those who currently serve and sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, were wounded, or even died in battle, and this presents the opportunity for the people of America to honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans for their service to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 30, 2010 as *Welcome Home Vietnam 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 26th day of March, in the year two thousand ten.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor