



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***BREASTFEEDING MONTH***

**WHEREAS, the people of Florida are deserving of good health; and**

**WHEREAS, all available knowledge indicates that human milk optimally enhances the growth, development, and well-being of the infant by providing the best possible nutrition, protection against specific infection and allergies, and the promotion of maternal and infant bonding; and**

**WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes healthy mothers and benefits society through low health care costs for infants, a healthy workforce, strong family bonds, and less waste; and**

**WHEREAS, breastfeeding is economical, providing its benefits at little or no cost; and**

**WHEREAS, government and community organizations have a vested interest in protecting and promoting breastfeeding as a means of preventing infant malnutrition, morbidity and mortality; and**

**WHEREAS, the families of Florida need reliable sources of information to make an informed choice about the care and feeding of infants;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 2008 *Breastfeeding Month*.**



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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, in the year two thousand eight.

  
Governor