



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

GUARDIAN AD LITEM DAY

WHEREAS, the Guardian ad Litem Program's sole mission is to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in dependency court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years, the Guardian ad Litem Program team, consisting of attorneys, professional staff and volunteers, has provided independent advocacy for hundreds of thousands of dependent children located throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Guardian ad Litem Program achieved a previously unmet milestone by exceeding 7,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years, Guardian ad Litem volunteers have donated time and mileage worth millions of dollars to the State of Florida; and

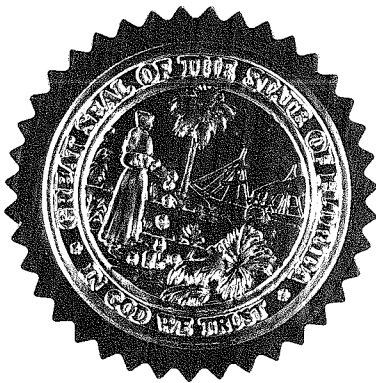
WHEREAS, for 30 years, Guardian ad Litem volunteers have provided an invaluable service to Dependency Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years, the Guardian ad Litem Program has sought to enhance local communities and the lives of Florida families and children; and

WHEREAS, many maltreated children in Florida need to have an independent advocate to speak on their behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend thanks and best wishes to all observing March 23, 2010 as *Guardian ad Litem 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 23rd day of March, in the year two thousand ten.




Governor