



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***MEDIATION WEEK***

**WHEREAS, Florida has been a leader in recognizing and promoting mediation as an alternative to litigation; and**

**WHEREAS, administrative agencies and court programs use mediation to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes; and**

**WHEREAS, mediation empowers individuals to develop solutions to conflict that are tailored to their particular needs; and**

**WHEREAS, mediation is taught and practiced in many schools in Florida not only as a way of solving individual disputes but also as a means toward achieving a more peaceful society; and**

**WHEREAS, community-based mediation programs strengthen relationships by assisting in the resolution of neighborhood and community conflicts;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 12 – 18, 2009 as *Mediation Week*.**



**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand nine.**

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in black ink.

**Governor**