

Dear Friends,

This week I am honored to proclaim March 16-22, 2008 “Sunshine Week” for the citizens of the State of Florida. This proclamation includes the protection of every Floridian's right to access public records.

The role of Florida's government is to serve its citizens and our Open Government laws provide the people with the necessary tools to hold us accountable for that service.

An open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government as well as its ability to serve you as citizens—my boss.

Florida's Sunshine Laws are amongst the strongest in the nation, but we do not take this fact for granted.

According to the Constitution, power flows from the people to their government. We must work hard each day to respect and preserve that public trust. Maintaining a transparent government is an integral part of that mission and I remain committed to upholding the ideals of open government.

Thank you very much and God bless Florida.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.