



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***A Week of Sunshine***

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution safeguards every Floridian's right of access to government meetings and records; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution further confirms that all political power flows from the People to their government; and

WHEREAS, the best way to ensure that government truly represents the people it serves is to keep the government open and accessible to all people; and

WHEREAS, Florida is nationally renowned for putting a high priority on the public's right of access to governmental meetings and records; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2007, by Executive Order 07-01, the Office of Open Government was created to function within the Executive Office of the Governor to advance the cause of open government in the Sunshine State; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors launched Sunshine Sunday in 2002, in response to increased public and legislative awareness; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Sunday was adopted by other states and resulted in the designation of Sunshine Week by the American Society of Newspaper Editors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim March 11 – 17, 2007 as *Sunshine Week* for the people of the State of Florida.



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 Capital, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand seven.

A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.

Governor