



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

KEEP FLORIDA FISHING MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World because of its natural resources and responsible fisheries management; and

WHEREAS, recreational freshwater and saltwater fishing in Florida support more than 123,300 jobs and contribute \$9.3 billion to the economy; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 million licensed anglers fish in Florida annually; and

WHEREAS, fishing contributes to Florida's tourism industry, attracting more than 1.2 million anglers to our state each year; and

WHEREAS, Florida's fisheries are made up of approximately 7,700 lakes; 12,000 miles of fishable rivers, streams and canals; and 2,276 miles of tidal shoreline; and

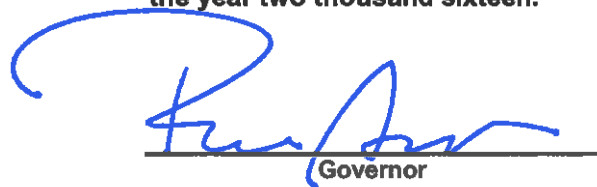
WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission effectively manages Florida's state fisheries and works to ensure that current and future generations can enjoy Florida's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the American Sportfishing Association created the Keep Florida Fishing initiative with the goal of ensuring that Florida's anglers have access to clean waters and abundant fisheries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 2016 as *Keep Florida Fishing 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 Capital, this 30th day of June, in the year two thousand sixteen.


Governor