



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***FLORIDA SERVICE-LEARNING MONTH***

WHEREAS, service-learning allows students and other youth to practice knowledge, skills, and behaviors, through meeting community needs; and

WHEREAS, service-learning brings schools and communities together to work jointly on societal needs and problems; and

WHEREAS, service-learning empowers students and other youth to take leadership roles in improving society; and

WHEREAS, service-learning integrates service activities with academic curricula and Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, providing students with hands-on, real-life learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, service-learning activities provide students and other youth with opportunities for career exploration and the chance to develop and practice job skills; and

WHEREAS, students not only learn about democracy and citizenship, but they also become actively-contributing citizens and community members through the services they perform; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage all Florida teachers and schools to participate and engage others in service-learning activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2011 as *Florida Service-Learning 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the year, two thousand eleven.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

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Governor