



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

DISCOVERY OF PUERTO RICO MONTH

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico was discovered on November 19, 1493 by Christopher Columbus and is celebrating its 516th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Puerto Ricans hold a special place in the history of the United States of America and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the contributions of Puerto Ricans to Florida's rich diversity, dynamic culture, and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the growth of the Puerto Rican community in the State of Florida is increasing; and

WHEREAS, Discovery of Puerto Rico Month honors all the Puerto Ricans who served, fought for, and worked to make the United States of America what it is today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 2009 as *Discovery of Puerto Rico 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 Capitol, this 23rd day of June, in the year two thousand nine.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor