



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

CARING FOR OUR STATE'S TREASURES DAY

WHEREAS, Florida's elders shaped the history of our state and nation by defending our freedoms and preparing us for the future; and

WHEREAS, our elders positively influence our quality of life through their physical and intellectual efforts that result in innovative advances in the arts and sciences, medicine, education, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Florida's elders deserve our respect and gratitude for their contributions to our state and nation, and are deserving of a high quality of life that supports their God-given human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Florida's long-term care providers consist of thousands of care givers and healthcare associates who honor Florida's elders daily through their commitment to excellence, quality of care, integrity, compassion, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Florida's long-term care providers are working partners in the state's effort to develop the economy and expand workforce opportunities in healthcare in order to meet Florida's future elder care challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Health Care Association and the Florida Center for Assisted Living represent long-term care providers who believe the elders they serve are entitled to a supportive environment where professional and compassionate care is delivered;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all celebrating February 15, 2007 as *Caring for our State's Treasures Day*.



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 10th day of February, in the year two thousand seven.

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

Governor