



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK**

**WHEREAS, a graduate and professional education attracts students from across the nation and across the world to Florida universities for advanced and specialized training; and**

**WHEREAS, in graduate and professional programs across the state, graduate school educators are providing access to cutting-edge knowledge and analytical skills essential to ensuring that Florida produces individuals at the forefront of their respective fields; and**

**WHEREAS, graduate and professional students make vital contributions to the teaching and research that underpins the new knowledge-based economy as graduate teaching and research assistants; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida teachers with advanced degrees are creating environments that will assist Florida's children and young adults to become productive members of the workforce and informed citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, alumni from Florida's graduate and professional schools occupy leadership roles in school systems, institutions of higher learning, health-related institutions, businesses, government, and politics;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 30, 2009 through April 3, 2009 as *Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week*.**



**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand nine.**

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

**Governor**