



## FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH (SAMPLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION)

**WHEREAS**, Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Cabinet have proclaimed April 2010 to be Florida Volunteer Month, and National Volunteer Week was established in April as the official time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves social problems, and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens, including children, seniors, those who are disabled, the impoverished, the imprisoned, the homeless, the physically or mentally ill, or those otherwise in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way, increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to meet new friends and associates; and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteerism is proven to have a positive influence on businesses that are socially responsible, increasing employee morale; loyalty and teamwork; and building goodwill toward the company; and

**WHEREAS**, nonprofits, charities, community and faith-based groups, schools, volunteer centers (**where applicable**) and national service programs in (**Name of City or County**) have joined together with state and local governments in celebration and praise of volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, (Name and Title of Elected Official)**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the United States of America and the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April to be

**(Name of City or County) VOLUNTEER MONTH**

and call upon the people of (**Name of City of County**) to promote the spirit of volunteerism, and to observe the month with appropriate activities, programs and ceremonies supporting the theme, "Florida Needs YOU ... VOLUNTEER!"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I, (**name of official**)

serving as (**position**) have hereunto set my hand this (**day of month**) day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.