



**WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?
PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT ... VOLUNTEER!**

FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH 2008

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(SAMPLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION)**

WHEREAS, Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Cabinet have proclaimed April 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, impoverished, imprisoned, homeless, physically or mentally ill, or otherwise in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way by: increasing self confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to make new friends; 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 by 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 the **(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 or County)** to promote the spirit of volunteerism; to observe the month with appropriate activities, programs and ceremonies supporting volunteerism; and to participate and engage others in volunteer activities now and for as long as they are able.

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 eight.