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**MARCIA GONZALEZ, OF MIAMI, APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION
ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Governor Charlie Crist appoints Marcia Gonzalez, of the Florida
Carpenters Regional Council, to Volunteer Florida.*

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Charlie Crist recently appointed Marcia Gonzalez, of Miami, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida).

Gonzalez is a staff member of the Florida Carpenter's Regional Council, which encourages apprenticeship and training to achieve a higher level of skill among its membership; develops and enforces a higher safety standard for carpenters; cultivates friendship and good public relations throughout the community; assists carpenters in securing meaningful employment while ensuring the profitability of contractors; and elevates the moral, intellectual and social condition of its members to improve the carpentry industry in every way possible.

Cuban by birth and American by choice, Gonzalez arrived in U.S. in the summer of 1984 and moved with her family to Miami at the end of 1986. She has been a Florida resident ever since.

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A keen interest in learning resulted in a Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida International University in 2004, with a major in Industrial Organizational Psychology. The core of her studies and experience focuses on everything that contributes to making individuals more successful, efficient and self-sufficient, especially in the workplace. Gonzalez is passionate about psychology and its practical application to everyday issues like tolerance, team building, and partnership development. She is a true believer in the power of one, the value of hard work and the importance of contributing to our communities through active participation.

“I am pleased to welcome Marcia as a new Commissioner,” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “Her enthusiasm for volunteer service and her passion for making Florida a better place to live will make her an asset to Volunteer Florida.”

Commissioners drive Volunteer Florida’s mission, and are actively involved in volunteer and service activities. They are a diverse, bipartisan group of citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate.

The Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; supports the Governor’s priorities through the creation of innovative volunteer programs, and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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