



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***PATIENT ADVOCATE DAY***

WHEREAS, access to healthcare is a basic human need and a shared societal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, one patient who cannot access medical treatment or survive the financial hardship of illness is one patient too many; and

WHEREAS, the experience of a serious diagnosis must allow patients and their families to receive relevant clinical information, empowerment within the medical care system and timely medical care and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the National Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving access to care through legislative and policy reform;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 21, 2007 as *Patient Advocate 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year two thousand seven.



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

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Governor