



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

SAVE THE FLORIDA PANTHER DAY

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida treasure their wildlife and take pleasure in the natural heritage handed down to them by generations past; and

WHEREAS, the Florida panther is the official state animal of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida panther is a magnificent subspecies and is a symbol of the natural character of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is the last sanctuary for the Florida panther within its former southeastern United States range; and

WHEREAS, it is the will of the people of the State of Florida, and therefore a mission of their government, to rescue the Florida panther from the threat of extinction; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has established the third Saturday in March as Save the Florida Panther Day; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting for all Floridians to pause and reflect on the plight of the Florida panther and the task of preserving this rare component of Florida's diverse natural resources as a legacy to generations of Floridians yet to come;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 20, 2010 as *Save the Florida Panther 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 Capitol, this 5th day of March, in the year two this thousand ten.

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