



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH

WHEREAS, college tuition in Florida is expected to more than triple by the time today's newborn goes to college; and

WHEREAS, it is better to start saving early for your child's college future; and

WHEREAS, over a lifetime, a college graduate can earn at least \$1 million more than an individual with only a high-school diploma; and

WHEREAS, a Florida Prepaid College Plan offers the simplicity and security of buying something today for a child's college education that will be worth more tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of adults in a recent national survey said employers are more likely to hire college graduates than persons without degrees, even if the job could be done by someone in either category; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of college tuition and fees increased faster than inflation, consumer prices, per capita income, prescription costs or health insurance; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, tuition at the state's public universities and community colleges has increased more than six percent a year on average;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2009 as *College Savings Month*.



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 11th day of August, in the year two thousand nine.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor