



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**CESAREAN AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, this year, more than one out of three babies born in the State of Florida will be born surgically via cesarean section; and

WHEREAS, a cesarean can be lifesaving for both mother and baby in the right circumstances; and

WHEREAS, unnecessary cesareans can be avoided if expecting families are properly educated about their choices in managing labor and delivery; and

WHEREAS, a cesarean section is a major abdominal surgery, and women who undergo cesarean sections have a longer recovery time and are subject to increased complications; and

WHEREAS, the women of Florida have the right to make informed choices about their health care including complete information on the risks and benefits of normal birth and cesarean surgery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2009 as *Cesarean Awareness 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
in the year two thousand nine.



  
Governor