



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA!

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education is focused on helping Florida students be prepared to succeed in higher education and their careers; and

WHEREAS, the department's Just Read, Florida! program is a comprehensive, coordinated reading initiative aimed at helping Florida's 2.8 million students become successful, independent readers and has thus been recognized as a national model; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of the Just Read, Florida! initiative are to help every student in the preK-12 system read at or above grade level and make literacy a priority of every citizen in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, parents, families, neighbors, and mentors play a crucial role in helping children learn to read; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education aims to raise awareness of these literacy programs and projects, as well as increase involvement in these valuable local initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the department has developed partnerships with organizations throughout the state to promote literacy and to assist parents, mentors, and communities as they engage in the goal of lifelong literacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 23-27, 2017, as *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!*

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 20th day of January, in the year two thousand seventeen.




Governor