



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY MONTH**

**WHEREAS, adult education provides learning opportunities for Florida residents who have not obtained high school credentials, mastered basic skills before graduating from high school, or who are English language learners; and**

**WHEREAS, adult education programs serve a diverse group of students, including those with learning disabilities, physical and emotional difficulties, as well as those in family literacy classes or correctional institutions; and**

**WHEREAS, as Florida transitions into new education standards, the need for highly literate citizens is increasing; and**

**WHEREAS, more than 20 percent of Florida's adults experience literacy issues that severely impact their lives and families, their ability to work productively, and their full participation as citizens and residents of our state; and**

**WHEREAS, family literacy refers to English literacy and life skills instruction designed to raise parents' education level, to support parenting strategies, and help children develop foundational skills for future academic success; and**

**WHEREAS, parents who improve their own literacy skills are better prepared to assist in educating their children and are equipped with the tools and skills necessary to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's public schools, volunteer and community-based literacy organizations, colleges, and libraries provide adult basic education and family literacy services to more than 293,000 adults annually; and**

**WHEREAS, Floridians are encouraged to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by adult education and to support and participate in these programs;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2013 as *Florida Adult and Family Literacy 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 Capital, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year two thousand thirteen.**

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

**Governor**