



State of Florida “Silver Star Families Day” Proclamation Letter 4-17-09



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

SILVER STAR FAMILIES DAY

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has always honored the great sacrifice of men and women in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians are encouraged to remember and reflect upon the great sacrifices that our wounded soldiers have made to preserve the ideals and freedoms of our nation; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, were wounded, or even died in battle; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Silver Star Families of America have worked to provide the wounded of this state and country with Silver Star banners, flags, and care packages; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the great sacrifices made for this great nation and state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 1, 2009 as *Silver Star Families 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 17th day of April, in the year two thousand nine.


Governor