



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, with Florida's education system ranking sixth in the nation, it is appropriate that we recognize our teachers for their passion in educating Florida's students; and

WHEREAS, an investment in Florida teachers is an investment in Florida's future, which is why the approval of \$480 million in teacher pay raises for the fiscal year 2013-2014 was critical to our state; and

WHEREAS, teachers provide our children with a solid education and instill in them a thirst for knowledge and the inspiration to excel throughout college, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 192,000 teachers, serving nearly 2.7 million public school students statewide; and

WHEREAS, Florida parents entrust teachers to educate and mold their students to become productive citizens and successful contributors to Florida's economy; and

WHEREAS, Florida teachers often make many sacrifices as they fulfill their responsibilities both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, teachers deserve the gratitude and esteem of students, parents, and our Florida communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 5-9, 2014, as *Teacher Appreciation Week*.



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 29th of April, in the year two thousand fourteen.


Governor