



Florida Sheriffs Association
Presidential Proclamation
Commending the Members of the Florida Cabinet
Efforts to Reduce Crime in Florida

WHEREAS, the Sheriffs of Florida are the Chief Law Enforcement Officers in their respective counties and as such are sworn to protect the lives and property of all citizens and visitors and charged with carrying out the orders of the courts.

WHEREAS, the Sheriffs of Florida realize they must partner with a broad spectrum of the community (i.e.: faith, education, business, medical, mental health, non-profit organizations and association, volunteers, legislative, judicial and public safety groups) at the city, county, state and federal level in order maintain and enhance public safety.

WHEREAS, the Sheriffs of Florida have built strong partnerships at the state level to ensure effective laws were passed and adequate funding is provided to state criminal justice agencies and programs to ensure those who violate the laws of our state are swiftly brought to justice and required to pay their debt to society in full.

WHEREAS, the Sheriffs of Florida worked closely with the administrations of Governor **Charlie Crist**, Chief Financial Officer **Alex Sink**, Attorney General **Bill McCollum** and Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services **Charles Bronson** over the past four years to reduce crime and enhance public safety.

WHEREAS, as a result of this outstanding partnership and their leadership violent criminals in our state are now required to serve at least 85% of their sentence prior to release and the crime rate in our state has been reduced significantly over the past four years and it is currently at its lowest level in the past 36 years (Source: FDLE UCR 2009).

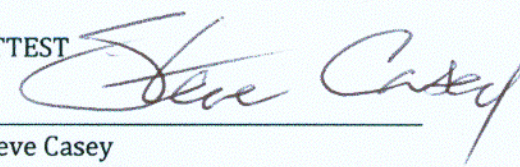
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Sheriffs Association via this Presidential Proclamation commends Governor **Charlie Crist**, Chief Financial Officer **Alex Sink**, Attorney General **Bill McCollum** and Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services **Charles Bronson** for the role they played reducing crime in our state and making Florida one of the safest states in the nation.

Presented this 7th Day of December 2010.



Sheriff Harrell Reid
President

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Steve Casey
Executive Director

