WHEREAS, school library programs are an important asset in the education of the youth of our state; and

WHEREAS, school library programs significantly contribute to student achievement by providing instructional support resources and services; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide access to information in a variety of formats within the school, as well as to digital resources outside the school; and

WHEREAS, promoting competencies in using new and emerging technologies is an integral part of school library programs; and

WHEREAS, school library programs promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading; and

WHEREAS, school librarians are instructional partners and consultants in the teaching and learning process;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2017 as School Library 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 29th day of March, in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor