



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

GERMAN AMERICAN MONTH

WHEREAS, a significant number of Florida's citizens are of German descent; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, President Reagan approved the joint resolution of the United States Congress to establish October 6th as German American Day, which has since become an annual cultural tradition with celebrations nationwide; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, German Americans have contributed to every facet of the American experience by helping to advance our civic liberties through their support of government service, freedom of the press, science, education, art, business and industry; and

WHEREAS, German Americans who settled here brought with them values that have enhanced and furthered America's commitment to freedom; and

WHEREAS, many German Americans have joined together with other Americans in time of war to guarantee our freedom and help preserve this nation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the significant contributions that German Americans have made to enrich the Sunshine State and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2011 as *German American 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 9th day of August, in the year two thousand eleven.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Governor