



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2009 Heart of Florida Asian Festival, produced by the City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The Heart of Florida Asian Festival highlights the rich arts, cultures, and traditions of the Asian continent and provides a forum for Asian-American citizens to celebrate their heritage and to showcase their talents through an exposition of music, dance, food, and sport.

Florida welcomes opportunities to foster cross-cultural appreciation and understanding. The Asian-American community contributes greatly to Florida's cultural landscape and the Heart of Florida Asian Festival is a great way to share in this unique identity.

Best wishes for an enjoyable festival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

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