



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK***

**WHEREAS, Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected, and renowned Americans who was deaf-blind; and**

**WHEREAS, Deaf-Blindness is one of the most severe of all disabilities; and**

**WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Florida to encourage the full participation of Americans with multi-sensory, disabilities in our economy by fostering employment and promoting housing and recreational options for people who are deaf-blind – thus maximizing their opportunities for a productive life in the community of their choice; and**

**WHEREAS, today, people with dual-sensory loss should have options to choose their preferred lifestyles; and**

**WHEREAS, it is important to raise public awareness on the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are deaf-blind, or severely vision and hearing impaired, and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination and achievement for other individuals who are deaf-blind.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 26-July 2, 2011 as *Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, in the year two thousand eleven.**

  
Governor