

A Florida Senator's Proclamation

By Senator Wise

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A Proclamation recognizing January 2010 as Florida Mentoring Month.

WHEREAS, January 2010, has been proclaimed "National Mentor Month" by the Harvard Mentoring Project, MENTOR, and the Corporation for National and Community Service, in cooperation with state mentoring organizations and hundreds of local mentoring organizations throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Mentoring Partnership was born 10 years ago, fueled by a common desire to help students excel in school and life by recruiting compassionate adults to become their mentors, and

WHEREAS, today, the initiative continues to improve young lives and keeps mentoring at the forefront of state education policy by working closely with state and local mentor partner groups, including Best Buddies, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Children's Home Society, Communities in Schools, Council for Educational Change, Florida Association of Partners in Education, Florida Campus Compact, Girl Scouts, Guardian ad Litem, HOSTS, School District Volunteer Coordinators, Take Stock in Children, Volunteer USA's Teen Trendsetters™ Reading Mentors, YMCA Reads!, and hundreds of local mentoring partners, and

WHEREAS, mentoring has a positive impact on youth statewide and helps to build a strong future for them and their communities, and

WHEREAS, thousands of Florida's children are in need of a strong role model who will help them recognize their value, their hopes, and their potential, and

WHEREAS, Florida provides state employees the opportunity to take time to provide the benefits of mentoring to our youth and help change lives for the better, and

WHEREAS, Florida commends all other entities and private citizens who value the role of mentoring children in our schools and communities, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Mentoring Partnership has documented more than 219,000 mentor matches in Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Senator Stephen R. Wise, of Florida Senate District 5, do hereby recognize January 2010 as Florida Mentoring Month.



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