

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 08-179

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2007, the Board of Executive Clemency amended the Rules of Executive Clemency to allow for the automatic approval of the restoration of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this amendment, over 120,000 people have had their civil rights restored by the automatic approval process; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Office of Executive Clemency is charged with the duty to notify all people whose civil rights have been restored; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Florida that all people whose civil rights have been restored are located and notified promptly so that they may exercise their civil rights, including the right to vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution, find and state as follows:

A. It is exceptionally important that all who are entitled to and receive the restoration of their civil rights are notified as quickly as possible;

B. That the means by which people are notified of their restoration of civil rights is within the purview of the clemency powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution;

BEING FULLY ADVISED, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective today:

Section 1. The Florida Office of Executive Clemency and the Florida Parole Commission shall use all of its available resources to notify those whose civil rights have been restored.

Section 2. The Florida Office of Executive Clemency and the Florida Parole Commission shall include a Florida Voter Registration Form with all Restoration of Rights Certificates that are mailed to persons whose rights have been restored;

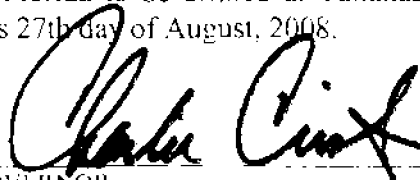
Section 3. The Florida Office of Executive Clemency and the Florida Parole Commission shall maintain a Restoration of Civil Rights database that is easily accessible on the Parole Commission website by which any person can verify whether their civil rights have been restored:

Section 4. The Florida Office of Executive Clemency and the Florida Parole Commission shall allow for persons whose civil rights have been restored to print their Restoration of Rights Certificate directly from the Parole Commission website.

Section 5. The Florida Office of Executive Clemency shall allow for access to the Florida Division of Elections directly from the Parole Commission Website for persons to obtain information about registering to vote.

Section 6. The Florida Office of Executive Clemency and the Florida Parole Commission shall continue to develop and formulate methods to assure that all people have been notified of the restoration of their civil rights.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 27th day of August, 2008.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST

SECRETARY OF STATE