

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, fighting crimes against senior citizens is a priority for state government, and Florida seeks to provide as many resources to protect our senior citizens from becoming victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Seniors vs. Crime Program began in 1989 as a source of assistance to seniors being targeted by criminals; and

WHEREAS, the Seniors vs. Crime Program is a voluntary program consisting of retired citizens, known as Senior Sleuths, who educate other seniors on consumer fraud and protection as well as assist law enforcement during consumer investigations; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the state's first walk-in facility for seniors was opened, known as a Storefront, which allowed the Senior Sleuth volunteers to better communicate with incoming seniors seeking advice or sharing complaints of potential criminal conduct; and

WHEREAS, today, 24 Seniors vs. Crime Storefronts now operate throughout the State of Florida with over 2,500 Senior Sleuths dedicated to educating seniors and actively participating in crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, together, these 2,500 Senior Sleuth volunteers have helped recover more than \$4 million for seniors victimized by con artists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize November 2005 as

SENIORS VERSUS CRIME MONTH

and remind citizens of the importance of fighting crime against senior citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 8th day of November, 2005.

JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR

CHARLIE CRIST
ATTORNEY GENERAL

TOM GALLAGHER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CHARLES H. BRONSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE