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GOVERNOR CRIST APPOINTS DR. ELENA FLOM TO FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

*Dr. Flom will serve four years on Commission to work toward fair treatment, equal access
and mutual respect for the people of Florida*

Tallahassee – Gov. Charlie Crist has appointed Dr. Elena Flom of Cocoa Beach as a Commissioner of the Florida Commission on Human Relations (FCHR). Upon Senate approval, Flom will serve a four-year term expiring September 30, 2011.

“We are honored to welcome Dr. Flom back to the Commission,” said Commission Chair Donna Elam. “Her previous experience with the Commission and her work on various human relations issues will provide us with a valuable perspective to integrate into our agency. I look forward to working with her to improve the quality of life for the people of Florida.” Dr. Flom also chairs the United States Commission on Civil Rights Florida Advisory Committee, which is a Department of Justice appointment.

Dr. Flom is a recipient of the Human Relations Statewide Education Award, which honors individuals for their work to eliminate barriers and provide equal opportunities in the field of education. She serves as a Trustee of the Civilian Military Community Relations Council and on the board of Cocoa Village Playhouse, Brevard Community College Foundation and Goodwill Industries, Inc, and the Cape Canaveral Hospital District Board. Dr. Flom was previously appointed as a Commissioner for the Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women (1978-1981) and the Florida Commission on Human Relations (1977-1978, 1978-1989 and 1994-2000).

The Commission consists of 12 commissioners of various racial, religious, ethnic, social, economic, political and professional groups within the state, all appointed to four-year terms by the Governor subject to Senate approval.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations, established in 1969, is the state agency charged with enforcing the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act. Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission’s commitment. Through education, outreach and partnerships, the Commission works to prevent discrimination through teaching best practices and fostering cultural understanding in communities statewide.

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