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LEAGUE OF SOUTHEASTERN CREDIT UNIONS CELEBRATES CREDIT UNIONS IN OCTOBER

BIRMINGHAM, ALA/TALLAHASSEE, FLA (October 14, 2009) —Alabama and Florida state government saluted their respective state's credit unions by officially declaring October 15 as International Credit Union Day. The League of Southeastern Credit Unions (LSCU), in honor of its Alabama and Florida member credit unions, created a proclamation which recognized the many accomplishments of the credit union movement, and then submitted it for signature to the governors of both states.

"We at LSCU wanted to highlight in a public way the many reasons why people choose credit unions for access to fair and affordable financial services," said Patrick La Pine, President/CEO of LSCU. "Credit union members reap the benefits of doing business with a financial institution they own – one focused on service to its members, not profits for its stockholders. That means value, service, respect, and the opportunity to be part of a financially sound and socially responsible institution."

In Alabama, Governor Bob Riley signed the proclamation. In Florida, Governor Charlie Crist and members of the Florida Cabinet signed and presented the proclamation at the September 29 Cabinet Meeting.

During the month of October, credit unions across the world are celebrating their contributions to the people they serve and the communities in which they operate.

(The League of Southeastern Credit Unions represents 332 Alabama and Florida credit unions with a combined total of \$55 billion in assets. LSCU is a trade association offering a myriad of services focused on meeting the current and future needs of Alabama's and Florida's credit unions.)

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Photo caption: In the Florida Governor's office to witness the Proclamation signing were, (from l-r) Andy Price, LSCU; Amy Jowers, LSCU; Justin Thames, LSCU; Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum; Ray Cromer, Envision CU; Cecilia Homison, Florida Commerce CU; Florida Governor Charlie Crist; Patrick La Pine, LSCU President/CEO; Aletta Shutes, former FCUL EVP; Florida CFO Alex Sink; Guy Hood, former FCUL President/CEO; Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bronson; Sandra Hood; Mark Landreth, LSCU; Cassandra Grayson, LSCU; and Mary Estes, Florida Commerce CU.