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APD Congratulates Human Relations Commission

TALLAHASSEE, FL — The director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Jim DeBeaugrine, participated in the 40th Anniversary celebration for the Florida Commission on Human Relations at the Capitol on January 14. Governor Charlie Crist was the key note speaker at the event.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations enforces civil rights laws and works to eliminate discrimination, including discrimination involving people with disabilities.

Director DeBeaugrine noted the vital work of the commission, "The Human Relations Commission is a very critical organization to the state as it does not tolerate any type of unfairness based on prejudice. People with disabilities need a level playing field when trying to enter the workforce or renting an apartment. APD appreciates the commission's important work and congratulates the commission on 40 years of truly making a difference in the lives of all Floridians.

APD annually serves about 35,000 Floridians with the developmental disabilities of mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Prader-Willi syndrome. For more information on the agency, call **1-866-APD-CARES** or visit www.apd.cares.org

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