



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***EARTH SCIENCE WEEK***

WHEREAS, earth science is an all-encompassing term for sciences related to the earth, including geology, meteorology, physical oceanography and hydrology; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are central to the understanding of climate change and its potential effects on Florida's landscape and environment; and

WHEREAS, earth scientists monitor changes in our natural systems to predict, prepare and mitigate for the effects of natural hazards environmental change, including flooding, coastal erosion, landslides, droughts, expansive soils and sinkholes; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the foundation for sound environmental management, conservation and land use through better understanding of earth systems; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences use observations and measurements from earth and space to safeguard public health, increase environmental protection and encourage wise stewardship of Florida's mineral, energy and water resources; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of earth sciences is important for protecting Florida's residents and environment from the natural hazards that pose a threat to our economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are critical to understanding Florida's aquifers and groundwater, supporting restoration of America's Everglades and protecting Florida's freshwater springs considered some of the most unique in the world; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are essential in understanding the impact of hurricanes on Florida's coast, repairing our famed beaches and safeguarding Floridians from the effects of storms; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide better understanding, protection and management of Florida's cultural, historical and pre-historical resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 12 – 18, 2008 as ***Earth Science Week***.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Great Seal of  
the State of Florida to be  
affixed at Tallahassee, the  
Capitol, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, in the year two  
thousand eight.

  
Governor