



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

MARINA DAY

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida place a high value on our recreation time and our ability to access one of America's greatest natural resources, the waterways; and

WHEREAS, with more than 1,350 miles of coastline and 50,000 miles of inland and coastal rivers and streams, protecting Florida's precious water resources is crucial; and

WHEREAS, Florida's marinas are a significant contributor to our economy; and

WHEREAS, by adopting eco-friendly practices that rise above standard regulatory requirements, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Marina Program helps ensure a healthy future for the environment, boaters and the billion-dollar marine industry; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Boating Partnership is an outstanding public/private partnership between the State of Florida and the marine industry to safeguard our state's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Clean Marina Program and Clean Boating Partnership in May 1996, the program has grown to include 198 Clean Marinas, 30 Clean Boatyards and 9 Clean Marine Retailers that follow a detailed action plan; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 2,000 recreational boating facilities that contribute substantially to the community by providing a safe, reliable gateway to boating for members of this community and welcomed guests; and

WHEREAS, Florida's marinas serve the community as stewards of the environment, actively seeking to protect the surrounding waterways not only for the enjoyment of this generation, but for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Florida's marinas provide communities and visitors a place where family and friends, united by a passion for the water, can come together for recreation, rest and relaxation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 8, 2009 as **Marina Day**.

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 17th day of July, in the year two thousand nine.




Governor