



RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

WHEREAS, earth science is an all-encompassing term for sciences related to the earth including geology, geography, physics, meteorology, chemistry, oceanography, hydrology, biology and ecology; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are integral to responsible discovery and balanced development and conservation of Florida's mineral, energy and water resources to ensure a safe, healthy and prosperous Florida; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are central to addressing natural resource exploration, utilization and conservation; and

WHEREAS, earth scientists monitor natural systems from earth and space to address the effects of environmental catastrophes and natural hazards such as hurricanes, flooding, coastal erosion, droughts, sinkholes and unstable soils, each of which can affect the economic stability of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the foundation for wise stewardship of Florida's diverse ecosystems and sound environmental protection and conservation through greater understanding and awareness of earth's dynamic systems, which support a vibrant tourism industry and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are critical to understanding Florida's aquifers and groundwater, encouraging water conservation and the active pursuit of alternative drinking water supplies which also protects Florida's unique and rapidly deteriorating freshwater springs for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are essential to understand the impact of hurricanes on Florida's coast, and help maintain our world class beaches and dunes that protect our citizens and visitors from storm effects so that we continue to be the number one place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Geological Survey has served the state and its citizens since 1907 to collect, interpret and provide quality, objective geological information about Florida via cost-effective, valuable, cutting-edge and relevant, job-creating, earth science investigations and assessments,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 9-15, 2011 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 Capital, this 20th day of September, in the year two thousand eleven.




Governor