



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***AMERICA RECYCLES DAY***

**WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving its natural resources and is encouraging Floridians statewide to make the world a better place by adopting conscientious living habits that will improve their daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer and healthier environment; and**

**WHEREAS, in 2008, Florida established a statewide recycling goal of 75 percent to be achieved by the year 2020, as required by House Bill 7135 known as the Energy, Climate Change, and Economic Security Act; and**

**WHEREAS, state and local community leaders can encourage recycling by educating citizens about the importance of buying recycled products and can also help foster greater awareness of the need to expand collection programs for recyclable goods and materials by promoting the benefits of recycling investments for businesses; and**

**WHEREAS, to focus the attention of Florida, and the nation, on the importance of recycling and reducing waste, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging their employers, staff, customers, membership, students and all citizens to pledge to buy more recycled-content products starting on November 15; and**

**WHEREAS, the America Recycles Day campaign has encouraged recycling activities throughout the United States since 1997; and**

**WHEREAS, during 2008, more than 18,000 Floridians statewide completed pledge cards renewing their commitment to recycle in the coming year; and**

**WHEREAS, participating in America Recycles Day 2009 is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, composting, and buying recycled products;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 15, 2009 as *America Recycles 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand nine.**

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

**Governor**