



JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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 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 benefit from the participation of citizen scientists in understanding and protecting Florida's lakes, rivers and springs; and

WHEREAS, earth sciences monitor changes in our natural systems to predict, prepare and mitigate for the effects of natural hazards, 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, the earth sciences are critical to understanding Florida's aquifer and groundwater, supporting restoration of America's Everglades and protecting Florida's freshwater springs; and

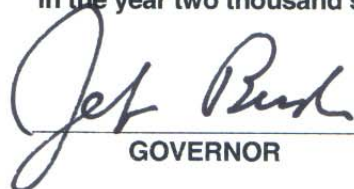
WHEREAS, the earth sciences are essential in understanding the impact of hurricanes on Florida's coast, repairing our famed beaches and safeguarding Floridians from the effects of storms; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 8-14, 2006 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 31st day of July
in the year two thousand six.


GOVERNOR