



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA CLEAN BEACHES WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the week of July 1-7, 2009 is designated as *Clean Beaches Week*; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's 825 miles of sandy beaches make the Sunshine State one of the top travel destinations in the world with approximately 82.5 million tourists contributing more than \$65 billion to the state's economy in 2008;

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Beaches Council recognizes more than 40 of Florida's renowned beaches as Blue Wave Beaches, based upon their water quality, cleanliness, safety, services and maintenance, conservation efforts, warning and information systems, and management of erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is home to the nation's most pristine and well-managed coastal parks, with more than 100 miles of beaches within Florida's state parks protected for public enjoyment; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1991, several Florida's coastal state parks have been included in the annual list of America's Top Beaches, including Caladesi Island State Park, which was ranked number one in the nation for 2008 and Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park was ranked ninth in 2009;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 1-7, 2009, as *Florida Clean Beaches 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year two thousand nine.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor