



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

WHEREAS, The State of Florida recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving its natural resources and is encouraging its residents 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, Florida has established a new 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 of 2008; and

Whereas, State and local community leaders can help encourage recycling by informing 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 Florida's and the nation's attention 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, In 2007, more than 14,000 Floridians statewide completed pledge cards pledging to renew their commitment to recycling in the coming year and participating in America Recycles Day 2008 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, 2008 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 12th day of November, in the year two thousand eight.

A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.

Governor