



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

STOP HEART DISEASE WEEK

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death and disability in this country and in the State of Florida, and;

Whereas, hypertensive heart disease claims the lives of more than 2,400 Floridians every year; and

WHEREAS, heart disease accounts for over 25 percent of all deaths, claiming more lives each year than the next seven leading causes of death combined; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, there will be more than 40,000 deaths per year from heart disease, and hospitalization costs to care for Floridians will top \$18.6 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Stop Heart Disease Week is to increase awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death and disability in our state, to educate Floridians that heart disease can be prevented, stopped and even reversed if corrective steps are taken, and to urge all Floridians to be screened for heart disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 8 – 15, 2010 as Stop Heart Disease 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 28th day of January, in the year two thousand ten.


Governor