



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, in 2011, Florida experienced tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flooding, severe cold/extreme temperatures and lightning damages totaling more than \$386 million; and

WHEREAS, in Florida in 2011, rip currents, extreme temperatures and lightning injured 58 people and killed 28 people; and

WHEREAS, a public that is well informed of the dangers associated with severe weather can improve its preparedness and reduce the occurrence of death and injury as a result of weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, Florida's National Weather Service forecast offices and the Florida Division of Emergency Management wish to stress the importance of remaining prepared by disseminating safety and preparedness information to the people of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby send greetings and best wishes to all observing January 30 – February 3, 2012 as *Severe Weather Awareness Week* in Florida and urge the cooperation of the National Weather Service, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the 67 county emergency management agencies and the news media in an effort to inform all residents and visitors of the proper safety measures that should be taken when severe weather and hazardous conditions occur.



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 21st day of December, in the year two thousand eleven.


Governor