CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is the most hurricane-vulnerable state in the nation and September ushers in the peak time of the hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, Florida's citizenry and numerous visitors must remain aware of, and be prepared for, natural hazards such as hurricanes, and man-made hazards, such as threats to domestic security, by adopting a culture of preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has developed a domestic security strategy fostering collegial partnerships with first responders and emergency managers from local, regional, and state levels to ensure that all Floridians are protected from potential acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Florida's State Emergency Response Team and Regional Domestic Security Task Forces remain committed to meeting the needs of Floridians during times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, continuous education and community outreach are some of the best methods of preparing and protecting the public for all-hazards; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians are urged to take personal responsibility and develop a disaster preparedness plan based on their own needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the state of Florida developed a new educational resource, www.KIDSGETAPLAN.com, where students, parents and teachers can obtain safety information, books and learning tools to become better prepared; and

WHEREAS, the great State of Florida supports the federal outreach initiative and declaration of September 2009 as National Preparedness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2009 as Florida Preparedness Month and participate in activities to increase their personal knowledge of preparing and protecting their families, homes and businesses from the hazards of natural disasters or man-made events and to GET A PLAN! for appropriate actions when called to do so by their local authorities.

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 1st day of September, in the year two thousand nine.

Governor

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