FLORIDA HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Florida is the most hurricane vulnerable state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s citizenry and numerous visitors must remain aware of a hurricane’s hazards by adopting a culture of preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the greatest potential for the loss of life is storm surge and inland flooding; and

WHEREAS, high winds and tornadoes can affect all of Florida, including inland and coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, education about hurricanes and forecasting is one of the best methods of protecting the public; and

WHEREAS, Florida joins and supports the National Hurricane Preparedness Week that is running concurrently to extend public awareness across hurricane-prone regions of our great country; and

WHEREAS, all Florida’s residents should take personal responsibility and ‘GET A PLAN!’ based on their own needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the state of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 24-30, 2009 as

Hurricane Preparedness Week

and urge all citizens to participate in activities to increase their knowledge of preparing and protecting from the hazards of a hurricane by replenishing their emergency supplies for the 2009 Hurricane Season that runs from June through November.

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 20th day of May, in the year two thousand nine.

Governor