



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY (MCS) AWARENESS MONTH***

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Florida and throughout the world have developed a condition known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) as a result of global environmental pollution; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a painful chronic condition of hypersensitivity reactions to the environment for which there is no cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of MCS include acute reactions to chemicals, food and medication, as well as severe neurological problems, muscle and joint pain, memory, and respiratory difficulties; and

WHEREAS MCS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Access Board, Social Security Administration, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and numerous other governmental agencies and commissions;

WHEREAS, the health of the general population is at risk from chemical exposures that can lead to this environmentally induced illness; and

WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water, and food in both indoor and outdoor environments and by conducting further scientific research; and

WHEREAS, people with MCS need the support of the Medical Establishment, understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new lifestyles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2009 as *Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) Awareness Month*.



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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year two thousand nine.

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

Governor