



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS WEEK***

**WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are knowledgeable, highly trained individuals who manage communications and help to ensure the smooth operation of public utilities and other services that affect the health and safety of our citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, these individuals are responsible for responding to the telephone calls of the general public for police, fire, and emergency medical assistance and for dispatching assistance to help save the lives and property of our citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, we rely on the vigilance and the preparedness of these individuals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and**

**WHEREAS, thousands of public safety telecommunicators throughout the state serve as vital safety links within our cities and towns but are often unnoticed because their critical role occurs away from the emergency scene; and**

**WHEREAS, the work of these "unseen first responders" is invaluable in emergency situations, and each of these dedicated men and women deserves our heartfelt appreciation not just this week, but every day of the year;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 13 – 19, 2008 as *Telecommunications Workers 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 Capitol, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year two thousand eight.**



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

**Governor**