



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***Teen Driver Safety Week in Florida***

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives established National Teen Driver Safety Week in 2007 to be held every third week in October; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida is home to more than 820,000 teen drivers; and

WHEREAS, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers both in the state of Florida and nationally; and

WHEREAS, more than 36,000 teen drivers were involved in crashes in the state of Florida last year; and

WHEREAS, 479 people were killed in an accident where a teen was driving in the state of Florida last year and Teen Driver Safety Week will bring attention to the development of programs, such as the *Take the Wheel* Web site campaign, to help reduce the number of teen crashes; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida also recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs and encourages parental involvement in helping young people to develop critical driving skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 19 – 25, 2008 as ***Teen Driver Safety Week in Florida.***



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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand eight.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor