



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***NATIONAL CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK***

WHEREAS, cancer is one of the leading causes of death in the State of Florida and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Cancer Registrars are health care professionals and data management experts that ensure the timely, accurate, and complete collection of quality cancer data and this compilation of data is fundamental to the nation's cancer prevention and treatment efforts; and

WHEREAS, Cancer Registrars bridge the gap between cancer patients and researchers who utilize quality cancer data in order to make a wide variety of public health decisions related to cancer research, diagnosis, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, local and state data is submitted to the National Cancer Database, a nationwide oncology outcomes database maintained by the American College of Surgeons that provides the basis for many patterns of care studies; and

WHEREAS, Florida Cancer Registrars submit local cancer data to the state cancer registry, the Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS), allowing for statewide cancer surveillance and research activities; and

WHEREAS, Florida is proud to honor the Florida Cancer Registry professionals who are fighting cancer with reliable and accurate information;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 12 – 16, 2010 as ***National Cancer Registrars 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, in the year two thousand ten.

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

Governor