



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

Weatherization Day

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1976 to help states and communities assist low-income families in having more energy-efficient, safe, and healthy homes;

WHEREAS, the program, which uses advanced diagnostic technologies to identify energy conservation measures for homes, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many Floridians by sealing cracks and holes, insulating attics, walls and floors; repairing and/or replacing inefficient heating and cooling units; and making other energy improvements to residents' homes; and

WHEREAS, demands on energy resources are increasing daily and all Floridians should implement the same kind of energy efficiency measures at their own homes and businesses as those performed through this program and should follow recommended conservation practices to do their part to conserve our resources and reduce their individual energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, this Administration has fostered efforts to reduce the impacts of global climate change, including directives through which executive agencies are taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the energy efficiency of buildings and appliances; and

WHEREAS, Florida Weatherization Assistance Program, administered by the Florida Department of Community Affairs in cooperation with community action agencies, non-profit organizations and local governments serving the entire state, has reduced energy costs by an average of 25 percent in more than 46,234 homes, affecting more than 132,692 Floridians including many who are elderly, disabled, families with children and households with high energy burdens; and

WHEREAS, Florida Weatherization Assistance Program has received additional funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help stimulate the economy by creating more jobs for Florida's citizens by training agency staff and contractors on the weatherization process, which will also result in improving the energy efficiency of many more low income families' homes; and

WHEREAS, these service providers consider Weatherization vital to increasing the energy efficiency of homes occupied by low income families and lowering their household energy burden, which is essential to reducing poverty, creating jobs, stabilizing neighborhoods, eliminating carbon emissions, reducing the dependence on foreign oil, and stimulating local economies through the purchase of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 30, 2010 as ***Weatherization Day***.



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 23rd day of September, in the year two thousand ten.

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

Governor