



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA ARCHITECTS' DAY**

WHEREAS, there are approximately 104,000 registered architects in the United States and nearly 5,000 registered in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the architectural profession employs nearly 7,000 people in the state of Florida including architects, architectural interns, and administrative and support staff; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to six universities with schools of architecture and nine community colleges with pre-architecture programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Florida architecture firms accounted for 61 of the top 110 design firms in the southeast and created 20 of the top 36 projects in the southeast as selected by *Southeast Construction* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Florida architects have pledged nearly 8,100 volunteer hours to the "Public Architecture's 1% Program" in order to donate *pro bono* services to deserving non-profits; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects is THE voice of Florida architects, and is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest state component of the American Institute of Architects, including 15 local components that cover the Florida/Caribbean Region; and

WHEREAS, nearly 100 Florida architects have trained as volunteer Post-Disaster Safety Evaluators through the California Office of Emergency Services (OES), in conjunction with FEMA and Homeland Security, which allows them to assist local law enforcement and emergency services organizations after a disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, the Florida/Caribbean Region has 105 architects recognized in the AIA's College of Fellows, which is a limited and distinguished group of AIA members who have made significant contributions to architecture and to society; and

WHEREAS, Florida architects are the best resource for implementing the state's sustainable design initiatives and architects are responsible for designing the structures in which Floridians live, work and play and architects lead in the shaping of Florida's built environment design and designate March 18, 2009, as "Florida Architects' Day";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 18, 2009, as *Florida Architects' 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand nine.

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

Governor