

CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK

WHEREAS, energy is a fundamental part of our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, energy supports the most basic daily tasks such as feeding our families, commuting to work, and cooling our homes; and

WHEREAS, energy enriches many of the fun things in life – lights at the baseball field, air conditioning at the theater, rides at the state fair; and

WHEREAS, energy sustains modern society's complex systems including patient care, air traffic control, and industrial processes; and

WHEREAS, energy generates commerce and fuels economic growth; and

WHEREAS, following a powerful storm, restoring energy supplies is the first step to returning normalcy to our homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, energy-related industries provide careers to tens of thousands of Floridians ranging from line workers to engineers, customer service representatives to accountants, chemists to environmentalists, power plant operators to executives – all valued and all essential; and

WHEREAS, energy-related industries need new workers to provide a bridge into the future, replacing retiring workers and maintaining a highly skilled and talented workforce to meet the new challenges of a growing economy; and

WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships, the Florida Energy Workforce Consortium (FEWC) strives to promote a unified and results-oriented effort to ensure Floridians find rewarding careers in energy so that Florida can continue to grow in prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 18-22, 2010 as *CAREERS IN ENERGY 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 22nd day of September, in the year two thousand ten.

Governor