



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WEEK***

**WHEREAS, Physician Assistants are skilled members of the health care team who practice medicine with the supervision of licensed physicians; and**

**WHEREAS, Physician Assistants provide therapeutic and diagnostic health care services that would otherwise be performed by a physician; and**

**WHEREAS, Physician Assistants work in a variety of health care settings, including hospitals, health maintenance organizations, nursing homes, correctional institutions, the military, industry and private practice; and**

**WHEREAS, Physician Assistants have demonstrated their commitment to providing quality, cost-effective and accessible health care; and**

**WHEREAS, of the 3,000 Physician Assistants in the State of Florida, most of them provide primary care to our residents; and**

**WHEREAS, Physician Assistants are an integral part of the Florida rural health delivery system; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recognized the important role that Physician Assistants play in health care by permitting Physician Assistants to prescribe medicine and through Medicaid;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 6 – 12, 2008 as *Physician Assistants 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand eight.**

  
Governor