



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer takes the lives of more Americans each year than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and kidney cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, about 90 percent of lung cancer deaths in men and almost 80 percent of lung cancer deaths in women are due to smoking. People who smoke are 10 to 20 times more likely to get lung cancer or die from lung cancer than people who do not smoke; and

WHEREAS, 15 percent of lung and bronchus cancer are diagnosed at an early or localized stage, and the overall 5-year relative survival rate for U.S. men and women remains unchanged over the past few decades at approximately 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist, yet have not been embraced as the standard of care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 2009 as *Lung Cancer Awareness Month*.



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 5th day of October, in the year two thousand nine.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor