



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS, the safe and secure storage, transportation and use of hazardous materials is essential to protecting public health and enhancing economic stability for business, industry and local government; and**

**WHEREAS, more than 10,000 businesses and government facilities in Florida have reported the use and storage of hazardous materials, and more than 2,000 hazardous materials incidents are reported in Florida annually; and**

**WHEREAS, the State Emergency Response Commission, Florida Division of Emergency Management and Florida's Local Emergency Planning Committees recognize the importance of safeguarding communities from accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials through the promotion of public awareness of hazardous material safety; and**

**WHEREAS, it is essential for state and local government, working through the Local Emergency Planning Committees, to increase community safety awareness through public education outreach regarding the precautions and preparations necessary in the unlikely event of a hazardous materials release; and**

**WHEREAS, the public is assured that the state's government, businesses, and emergency responders are working together to make certain Florida's communities are properly prepared in the event of accidental or deliberate release of hazardous materials.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 22-28, 2012 as *Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness 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 Capital, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year two thousand twelve.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".  
Governor