



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***BATTLE OF THE BULGE DAY***

WHEREAS, the Battle of the Bulge was fought in the European theater of operations during World War II between December 16, 1944 and January 25, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of the Bulge was a major German offensive which took Allied forces by surprise and was intended to split the Allied forces in Europe by breaking through their lines, crippling fuel supply lines and exacerbating tensions within the alliance; and

WHEREAS, 500,000 American troops participated in the Battle of the Bulge, overcoming numerous disadvantages in the early days of the battle, including fewer numbers, treacherous terrain, and bitter weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of the Bulge resulted in 81,000 American casualties, including the death of approximately 19,000 American soldiers, many of whom were Floridians; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge will mark the 66th anniversary of the battle with ceremonies to honor those who sacrificed so much for our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing December 16, 2010 as *Battle of the Bulge 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year two thousand nine.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor