

Dear Friends,

This week we have been advancing Florida as a leader in clean technologies and environmental protection.

As the Sunshine State – it makes sense that we would harness the sun's energy. I attended the dedication of the state's largest solar power facility. I am grateful for the leadership of Florida Power & Light and Sarasota County for this achievement.



They are joining businesses around the state that are finding there is gold in green – and are creating a great model for the rest of Florida. Businesses like Cott Corporation in Tampa, whose new headquarters will use green technology, help stimulate our economy and preserves our environment.



It is also important that we establish a model for our young people to be good stewards of our environment. This week I announced the new Serve to Preserve Boy Scout and Girl Scout Award. It will encourage young people to learn how they can protect Florida's natural resources.

State government is leading by example. This week we announced that scorecard, a measurement that measures state government's greenhouse gas emissions, is in effect. Our goal is to reduce our emissions by 10 percent by 2012.

I also met with Florida's Congressional Delegation to discuss our federal budget priorities, which include securing federal funding for restoring America's Everglades. The Everglades are a national treasure, I would say an international treasure, and we must ensure their protection.



Thank you and may God bless our Florida.

Charlie Crist

Top Right: Governor Crist (left) along with Armando Olivera, President of Florida Power and Light, at the dedication of Florida's largest solar power facility in Sarasota, continues to focus on stimulating Florida's economic development in the renewable and alternative energy fields.

Top Left: Governor Crist takes a pictures with a few Girl Scouts after announcing the new Serve to Preserve Boy Scout and Girl Scout Award, which encourages young people to take a role in protecting Florida's natural resources.

Bottom Right: Governor Crist announces Florida's first comprehensive assessment of greenhouse gas emissions produced by state government. The study, Florida State Government Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scorecard, identifies the amount of greenhouse gases produced by state agencies during the 2006-07 fiscal year.