



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

SS AMERICAN VICTORY RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, the World War II Victory Ship SS American Victory was launched in 1945 and provided indispensable logistical support to American troops deployed overseas during World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the SS American Victory, as part of the American Victory Ship Mariners Museum in Tampa, Florida, has operated for the last decade as a not-for-profit enterprise to educate adults and children about their national maritime heritage, and

WHEREAS, the SS American Victory is the only maritime museum afloat along the Atlantic Seaboard and Gulf Coast between Charleston, South Carolina and Mobile, Alabama, which hosts many veterans and patriotic events annually, and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest to keep the SS American Victory viable as a public attraction to remind its visitors of the vital role of the U.S. Merchant Marine for logistical support during national overseas conflicts, and

WHEREAS, the SS American Victory is required to undergo periodic safety inspections by the U.S. Coast Guard to be certified to host guests alongside and at sea for educational and fundraising events, and

WHEREAS, the SS American Victory is one of only four active U.S. Maritime Museums afloat capable of going to sea on short notice to perform emergency logistical support in the event of a national disaster, and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 1.6 million veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, many of whom have been sustained in overseas military campaigns by supplies transported by the SS American Victory during its colorful history, and

WHEREAS, July 27, 2010 is Korean War Armistice Day, and as we commemorate the end of the Korean War with the signing of the cease-fire, it is important to raise awareness of the SS American Victory, which supplied American and United Nations troops on the Korean peninsula from ports in the United States and Japan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 27, 2010 as SS American Victory Recognition 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 7th day of July, in the year two thousand ten.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor