WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, recognizing the immense Public Health challenges facing this diverse and growing state, created the first College of Public Health in the state of Florida at the University of South Florida, in 1984; and

WHEREAS, that College of Public Health has contributed greatly to protecting and promoting the health of Floridians, graduating over 3,000 individuals with professional masters and doctoral degrees and graduate certificates in specialty areas of critical importance, including but not limited to environmental health, occupational safety, maternal and child health, chronic disease prevention, injury prevention, food safety, epidemiology, healthy aging, health economics and health policy, the financing and delivery of health care, the management of health care organizations, mental health, emerging infectious diseases, women’s health and global health; and

WHEREAS, college faculty, students and staff conduct timely and significant research addressing issues including childhood obesity, black infant mortality, uncovering biological markers for Alzheimer’s Disease, therapeutic interventions to prevent such diseases as malaria, Avian Flu and West Nile Virus; and

WHEREAS, the College takes the results of that cutting edge research to our communities, improving the day-to-day lives of Floridians putting our state in the spotlight as a problem solver for the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, while the College contributes to the economic health of this great state by generating scores of value-added jobs underwritten by the over $275 million dollars in non-state public and private research investments made over the past twenty five years, enhancing the productivity of our workforce and bringing down the cost of employer funded health care by targeting research, outreach and other instruction toward those goals; and

WHEREAS, the College is home to nationally and internationally recognized centers and institutes, including the Florida Public Health Information Center, the Florida Public Health Leadership Institute, the Florida Prevention Research Center, the Center for Biological Defense, the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Infants, the James and Jennifer Harrrell Center for Domestic Violence Research, the Global Infectious Disease Research Center and the Global Center for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, all engaged in research and training around issues of vital importance to Floridians and our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida, do hereby recognize the

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and congratulate them on this significant milestone and recognize their contributions and steadfast dedication to protecting and promoting public health and safety in Florida.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 9th day of June, 2009.

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CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

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BILL MCCOLLUM
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ALEX SINK
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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CHARLES H. BRONSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE