



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**STOP HEART DISEASE WEEK**

**WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death and disability in this country and in the State of Florida, claiming the lives of more than 2,200 Americans every day, an average of one death every 40 seconds; and**

**WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease accounts for over 33 percent of all deaths, claiming one out of 4 deaths in the United States; and**

**WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is largely preventable and Floridians can lower their risk by eating a healthy diet, getting daily aerobic exercise and avoiding tobacco products; and**

**WHEREAS, men and women are at equal risk for cardiovascular disease and are also affected as husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, children, and friends of people suffering from cardiovascular disease; and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of the Stop Heart Disease Week is to increase awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death and disability in our state, to educate Floridians that heart disease can be prevented, stopped and even reversed if corrective steps are taken, and to urge all Floridians to be screened for heart disease;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing February 8 – 15, 2016, as *Stop Heart Disease 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 ninth day of February, in the year two thousand sixteen.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", written over a horizontal line.  
Governor