



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are about 750,000 youth aged 17 and under, living in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one in 100 children experiences abuse; and

WHEREAS, childhood maltreatment and abuse are part of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and create long-term trauma that has life-long impacts; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a significant social problem that creates significant effects for entire families, communities and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free from physical or emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Children and Families believe that healthy families raise healthy children; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to offering a continuum of community-based child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families embraces the Standards for Prevention Programs developed by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

WHEREAS, all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts and media outlets, as well as numerous public and private agencies, have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in keeping children and their families safe, healthy and connected during the month of April and continuing throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 2019

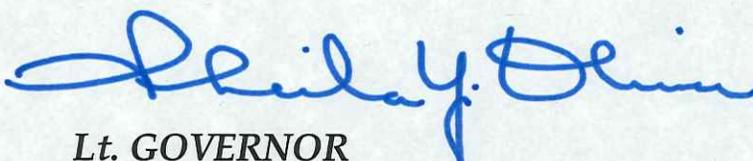
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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and urge our residents to become involved in efforts aimed at strengthening families and communities and preventing our children from being abused and neglected.



GIVEN, my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fifth day of March in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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