



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, across the country children who are unable to live with their biological family, relatives or acquaintances enter into the state's foster care system; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Department of Children and Families serves and supports children in foster care and their foster carers; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey there are approximately 5,600 children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, more than four thousand families in New Jersey are licensed as foster carers; and

WHEREAS, foster carers are people who have trained and whose homes have been inspected and licensed to provide a safe transition to children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, foster carers open their homes and their hearts to offer love, stability, encouragement, mentorship, counsel, and compassion to children in foster placement; and

WHEREAS, the foster care system depends upon selfless, loving individuals and families to volunteer their homes, time and energy for foster children;

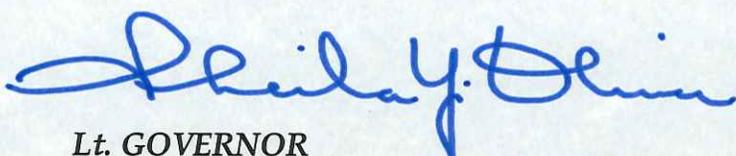
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

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in New Jersey, and to acknowledge the incredible work of staff at: the New Jersey Department of Children and Families; community-based organizations and agencies that provide supports and services for foster children and foster carers; foster children for their courage and strength during difficult times, and; foster carers throughout the state for their dedication and devotion to children in foster care.



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


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