



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, a parent can be defined as the caregiver that raises a child, whether biological, foster or adopted, short- or long-term; and

WHEREAS, children and youth often are faced with social, scholastic and health care challenges that parents must address; and

WHEREAS, parents' knowledge and experience managing various child-related situations can be invaluable to other parents and families; and

WHEREAS, this wisdom and insight creates Parent Leaders that may serve as a resource to others; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership occurs when Parent Leaders help to make their community's schools, social services, health care providers and other groups responsive to and supportive of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership plays an integral role in strengthening families, building strong communities and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership organizations throughout the United States honor and support the extraordinary courage, resilience and tenacity of parents who are committed to making improvements in programs, creating meaningful policy change and contributing to the body of knowledge through research and evaluation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the vital importance of partnering with parents and assisting the community to help advance meaningful Parent Leadership and shared leadership; and

WHEREAS, more parents each year are developing vital partnerships with service providers, policymakers and key stakeholders to shape policy and build stronger, safer communities for children; and

WHEREAS, as an example of the importance of Parent Leaders in policy discussions, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families has an Office of Family Voice, which incorporates the input and insight of Parent Leaders to inform its interaction with - and development of programs, services and supports for - New Jersey's residents; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership Month recognizes, honors and celebrates parents for their vital and valued leadership roles in keeping their families and helping others stay safe, healthy and connected;

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

FEBRUARY 2021  
AS  
PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage all citizens in the State to commit to supporting strong Parent Leadership and Shared Leadership for all children, families and communities.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-second day of January in the year two thousand twenty-one, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.

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