

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, protecting public health and the environment is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, air pollution remains one of our greatest public health challenges, especially in New Jersey, the most densely populated state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicles are the largest source of air pollutants in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicles are a large contributor to ground-level ozone, commonly known as smog; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicles are the largest source of air toxics; and

WHEREAS, emissions from vehicles are the largest contributor to climate change and sealevel rise in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, these emissions have adverse impacts on our health, including asthma, cancer, chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes and premature death; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been a national leader for many years in reducing emissions from vehicles and other sources of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the best strategy to achieve significant reductions in ozone, air toxics and greenhouse gases is to switch from fossil-fueled vehicles to electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the value and importance of electric vehicles in New Jersey;

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

## SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 AS DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

in New Jersey.

Lt. GOVERNOR

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

GOVERNOR