



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), the leading cause of infant mortality in the United States from one month to one year of age, has declined from 4,891 cases nationally in 1992 to 1,500 cases nationally in 2016; and*

WHEREAS, *the reduction in SIDS deaths since 1992 has been associated with the promulgation of evidence-based Safe Infant Sleep guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics by entities such as the National Institutes of Health, the Maternal Child Health Bureau, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the SIDS Center of New Jersey; and*

WHEREAS, *the SIDS Center of New Jersey, a program of the New Jersey Department of Health, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at Hackensack University Medical Center and a collaborator with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and the CJ Foundation for SIDS, provides extensive public health education in New Jersey to reduce the risk of SIDS, offers emotional support to bereaved families and participates in efforts to learn about causes of SIDS; and*

WHEREAS, *the reduction of infant mortality is an essential goal for all societies; and*

WHEREAS, *educational programs must be public and constant so that new parents, and health and child care providers can be exposed to the most up-to-date information; and*

WHEREAS, *the SIDS Center of New Jersey, in collaboration with its many public health partners, seeks to help focus attention on these important initiatives;*

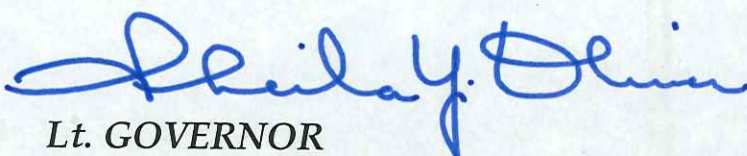
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2018
AS
SIDS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



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


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