



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week shines the light on this important matter; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, we have observed the first week in May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, and it is time to call for action beyond awareness, to be proactive in responding to the needs of our children; and

WHEREAS, it is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn the signs of behavioral health challenges and where to obtain assistance and treatment in their home communities; and

WHEREAS, obtaining a full and accurate diagnosis of a child requires gathering information from diverse sources, including the family, school and others involved with the child; and

WHEREAS, the HELPFUL/POSITIVE involvement and partnership of family members in the assessment and treatment of children and youth is essential to positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Families initiated Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week together with families to focus on the acceptance of children with mental health diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, children and youth with the most intense needs and their families are best served when they have access to a publicly funded system of care that promotes equitable access to care, values family voice and choice, and offers a robust array of in-community and residential treatment services and supports in alignment with a wraparound model of care; and

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of our nation and to New Jersey;

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

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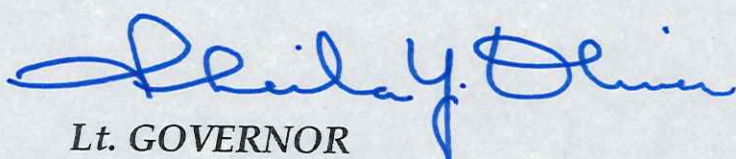
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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH ACCEPTANCE WEEK

and urge citizens and organizations to work toward meeting the mental health needs of every child in New Jersey and unite to promote acceptance of children with mental health issues and their families.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of May in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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