STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since April 22, 1970, "Earth Day" celebrations have annually demonstrated a compelling commitment among millions of Americans to raise public understanding of the complex relationships that exist between people and their daily activities and the environment; and

WHEREAS, "Earth Day" symbolizes the importance our Nation places on environmental stewardship and serves to unify all of us on the practice of environmental protection each and every day; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was created on the first "Earth Day," officially proclaiming New Jersey's intent to put forth an integrated and coordinated statewide effort to maintain a superior quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, as a national leader in environmental protection, the Department's mission is to protect the air, water, land and natural and historic resources of the State in addition to the health and safety of our residents, and to play a key role in positively impacting economic growth in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing interest and action being undertaken by various levels of government, members of the private sector and the public at large to incorporate "green" sustainable behaviors and routine practices in order to help reduce their impact on the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 22, 2016
AS
EARTH DAY

in New Jersey and encourage residents to honor this observance with the appropriate activities and programs.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eighteenth day of April in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.

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