



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Environmental education programs will be showcased by encouraging a full week of educational programs about the environment in pre-K-12 classrooms, university campuses and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums and museums; and*

WHEREAS, *Collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education in America's classrooms and informal education centers, prior to Earth Day, while drawing educator attention to the benefits and value of environmental education for both year-round classroom education and lifelong involvement with environmental stewardship and sustainability; and*

WHEREAS, *Environmental education bolsters environmental literacy in our pre-K-12 students by featuring education about the environment in the sciences, social studies, health, technology and other subject areas, as well as in after-school programs, while supporting New Jersey's core curriculum content standards and high school graduation requirements; and*

WHEREAS, *Environmental education will encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, parks, community groups, companies and business organizations; and*

WHEREAS, *the professional environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with national and state educational leaders; and*

WHEREAS, *National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education and Interagency Work Group, the Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education and hundreds of sustainability, environmental and natural resource organizations, education facilities and government agencies, has become an annually anticipated event for local participation in schools and non-formal instructional settings throughout New Jersey;*

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

APRIL 10 THROUGH 16, 2011
AS
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

in New Jersey, and call upon residents to recognize and participate in this special observance.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this tenth day of April in the year two thousand eleven, the two hundred thirty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.



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