STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of May 2015 has been designated by the U.S. Administration on Aging as Older Americans Month and the State of New Jersey embraces the national theme for this month, "Get into the Act;" and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to 1.6 million individuals aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to valuing all individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in New Jersey play an important role by continuing to contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, our older adults are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the successes of community elders encourages their ongoing participation and further accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, through the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services and the 21 county-based Aging & Disability Resource Connections/Area Agencies on Aging, is committed to ensuring older adults have access to a comprehensive system of supportive services that values and promotes their independence, dignity and choice; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to allow older citizens to continue to flourish by:

- *Emphasizing the importance of older adults and their leadership by publicly recognizing their continued achievements*
- *Presenting opportunities for older Americans to share their wisdom, experience and skills*
- *Recognizing older adults as a valuable asset in strengthening our communities*

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

MAY 2015
AS
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in New Jersey, and encourage residents to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-third day of April in the year two thousand fifteen, the two hundred thirty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.

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