STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the term One Health recognizes that the health of people is connected to the health of animals and the environment, and promotes a collaborative, multi-sector, and transdisciplinary approach, working at the local, regional, national, and global levels, with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes recognizing the interconnections between people, animals, plants, and their connected environment; and

WHEREAS, One Health is not a new concept, with existing One Health initiatives at the federal level including the One Health Office in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the One Health Coordination Center in the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, as well as support from the World Health Organization and the endorsement of more than 950 prominent scientists, physicians, and veterinarians worldwide; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is a leader in this space as the 1st state in the U.S. to legislate a One Health Task Force with the goal of promoting the health and wellness of New Jersey's residents, animals, including pets, livestock, and wildlife, and natural resources by encouraging the collaborative efforts of experts and leveraging knowledge, resources, and efforts effectively; and

WHEREAS, solving interdisciplinary problems requires strong relationships, such as the longstanding collaborations between New Jersey departments, offices, and agencies through task forces, interagency commissions, working groups, and joint projects, along with contributions from talented professionals across the state in the fields of human and veterinary medicine, environmental sciences, agriculture, epidemiology, research, emergency response, social sciences, pharmaceuticals, and engineering, among many others; and

WHEREAS, One Health Day is recognized globally on November 3rd, with a national effort to promote the celebration throughout the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2026
AS
NEW JERSEY ONE HEALTH DAY

in the Garden State.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twentieth day of October in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

GOVERNOR