

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the soil and water resources of New Jersey are the foundation for the health and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the conservation, wise use and management of these vital resources are essential to a sound environment and a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts and the State Soil Conservation Committee provide for conservation of soil and soil resources, control and prevention of soil erosion and conservation of water for agricultural purposes; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the New Jersey State Soil Conservation Committee and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the leaders of the 15 local soil conservation districts and conservation partners actively implement agricultural, urban and education programs for soil, water and related natural resource conservation and management with the active participation of landowners and other volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of Soil and Water Stewardship Week recognizes the importance and value of the conservation programs administered by the conservation districts in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and the State Soil Conservation Committee;

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

## APRIL 27 TO MAY 4, 2014 AS SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in New Jersey and urge residents to help protect our environment through the wise use of our soil and water resources and to support the resource management programs of our conservation districts and the many volunteers and professionals who dedicate their time and talents to this worthy cause.



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

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Lt. GOVERNOR

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