



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the horse has been honored in New Jersey since 1777 when the State Seal was adopted including its image, and was formally designated as the state animal in 1977; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been recognized as one of the nation's most sophisticated equine industry states, with horses of all sizes and breeds adding a special dimension to the lives of many New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, our 42,500 horses and related service industries add \$3.2 billion annually to the Garden State's economy; and

WHEREAS, with 96,000 acres devoted solely to equine operations, the horse industry contributes significantly to the beneficial use of open space in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the headquarters of the United States Equestrian Team Foundation, the Hambletonian Society, the Gladstone Equestrian Association, the Horse Park of New Jersey, the Cowtown Rodeo and the Breeders Crown are all located in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Hambletonian and many other major Standardbred and Sire Stake events are held in New Jersey, as are the prestigious Haskell Invitational and many other Thoroughbred events, as well as the Jersey Fresh CCI***/CCI** Three-Day-Event;

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

JUNE 2013
AS
MONTH OF THE HORSE

in New Jersey.



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

Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR