



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to a number of investor-owned public utility companies that serve New Jersey's residents and businesses by providing essential water, wastewater, electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications services 24 hours a day and 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public utilities employ more than 28,000 service-oriented and safety-minded men and women for a combined payroll in excess of \$2.5 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, these men and women work together to operate \$37 billion in critical utility infrastructure that serves as the backbone of the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public utilities have invested billions of dollars to enhance the integrity of public utility infrastructure in this State; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public utilities have recognized that, in addition to investing in public utility infrastructure, it is vital to invest in the lives and careers of their employees; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Energy and Workforce Development has found that, nationwide, nearly 55 percent of the electric and natural gas public utility workforce may need to be replaced in the next decade due to retirements; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public utilities have developed strategic initiatives aimed at recruiting and training a future generation of public utility employees; and

WHEREAS, these workforce development initiatives include a variety of certified apprenticeship programs, active partnerships with institutions of higher education and vocational schools, and participation in training programs coordinated through the collaborative efforts of the New Jersey Utilities Association, the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public utilities offer numerous opportunities for individuals of diverse backgrounds, career stages, and levels of education to obtain employment; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for government and public utilities to work together to educate students about the benefits of working in the public utilities industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 14 THROUGH 18, 2019 AS CAREERS IN UTILITIES WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirtieth day of September in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

Philip D. Murphy
Lt. GOVERNOR

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