



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a parent can be defined as the caregiver that provides, protects, and ensures healthy development of a child, whether biological, kinship, foster or adopted, short- or long-term; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is successful when parents and community members build effective partnerships and share responsibility, expertise, and guidance in all areas that affect families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is an essential and effective means of building strong families and communities, promoting family success, and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership occurs when actively engaged parents help to make their community's schools, social services, health care providers and other groups responsive to and supportive of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership organizations throughout New Jersey and the United States honor and support the extraordinary courage, resilience and tenacity of parents who are committed to making improvements in programs, creating meaningful policy change and contributing to the body of knowledge through research and evaluation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the vital importance of partnering with parents and assists public systems and private organizations, policy makers, and other key stakeholders to effectively implement meaningful Parent Leadership strategies; and

WHEREAS, more parents each year are developing vital partnerships with service providers, policymakers and key stakeholders to promote family success, shape policy and build stronger, safer communities for children; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership Month recognizes, honors and celebrates parents for their vital and valued leadership roles in their homes and communities, and in local, state, national and international arenas in keeping their families and helping others stay safe, healthy and connected;

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

FEBRUARY 2023

AS

PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage all citizens in the State to commit to supporting strong Parent Leadership and Shared Leadership for all children, families and communities.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eleventh day of January in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

Philip D. Murphy

Lt. GOVERNOR

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