



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, *The State of New Jersey seeks to protect and improve the health of all New Jersey residents by preventing disease, promoting good health and assuring access to quality health care; and*

WHEREAS, *the discovery and subsequent use of antibiotics revolutionized medical care and public health by significantly reducing illness and death from infectious diseases; and*

WHEREAS, *antimicrobial resistance is an urgent global public health threat, killing at least 1.27 million people worldwide and associated with approximately 5 million deaths in 2019, according to a report released in The Lancet; and*

WHEREAS, *antimicrobial resistance has become one of the key threats to health in the United States, threatening the ability of healthcare providers to fight infectious diseases; and*

WHEREAS, *more than 2.8 million antimicrobial-resistant infections occur each year in the United States with at least 35,000 dying as a result in 2019, as per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and*

WHEREAS, *antimicrobial-resistant infections increase the cost and complexity of treating infections that previously were easily treated; and*

WHEREAS, *prevention efforts drive down deaths from antimicrobial resistant infections; and*

WHEREAS, *appropriate use of antimicrobial medications is the primary solution to address the threat of antimicrobial resistance; and*

WHEREAS, *public health education about appropriate antimicrobial use and changing prescribing behaviors among health care workers will contribute to preserving the power of these life-saving drugs;*

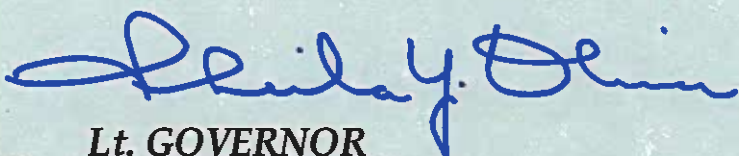
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 2022**  
**AS**  
**ANTIMICROBIAL AWARENESS WEEK**

*throughout the state of New Jersey and urge all health care and public health workers to observe this week with activities that raise awareness about appropriate antimicrobial prescribing and use.*



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

  
Lt. GOVERNOR

  
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