



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 CDC; 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, 2023
AS
ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK**

in New Jersey.



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

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