



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's extreme response to an infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control Prevention and the Sepsis Alliance, Sepsis-related deaths represent 20 percent of global deaths and affect more than 1.7 million people in the United States resulting in 350,000 deaths every year nationwide - one every 90 seconds; and

WHEREAS, immunocompromised people, young children, pregnant people, and the elderly experience the greatest number of sepsis-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, underserved communities and communities of color experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering - nearly twice as many Black Americans die from Sepsis as White Americans; and

WHEREAS, about 2,029 New Jersey residents die each year due to septicemia which is the State's ninth leading cause of death and 15th in the United States; and

WHEREAS, sepsis kills more Americans than prostate cancer, breast cancer, and AIDS combined, and is the most expensive cause of hospitalization in the United States, estimated to be \$62 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of COVID-19, infection prevention and sepsis awareness are critical to public health; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that only 12 percent of United States adults know the symptoms of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors;

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

SEPTEMBER 2024
AS
SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixteenth day of August in the year two thousand twenty-four the two hundred, forty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.


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