



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 18,000 children in the United States develop sepsis and 1,800 of these children die or are discharged to hospice; and

WHEREAS, nearly 2,000 New Jersey residents die each year due to septicemia, which is the State's seventh leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the U.S., with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be \$60 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, sepsis survivors are at increased risk for premature mortality, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (approximately 14,000 per year in the United States) and post-sepsis syndrome; and

WHEREAS, communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality health care experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the second-leading cause of pregnancy-related mortality in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is contributing to the increasing burden of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by the Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify 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 Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 2026
AS
SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of August in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Dale G. Cohen
Lt. Governor

Mikie Sherrill
Governor