



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1970, National Blood Donor Month has been annually observed in January to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to donate blood, especially at a time of year when blood supplies are historically low; and

WHEREAS, eligible New Jersey residents of all blood types are encouraged to donate whole blood, red blood cells, platelets, and plasma; and

WHEREAS, while volunteer blood donors are the foundation for ensuring that a safe and stable supply of blood products is available to help meet the medical needs of patients in our communities, fewer than five percent of age-eligible people donate blood each year; and

WHEREAS, Type O negative is the universal blood type that is represented by fewer than seven percent of the population and used in trauma situations, which makes it the most needed blood type and also the most likely to be in short supply; and

WHEREAS, blood banks including American Red Cross Blood Services (ARC), Hunterdon Healthcare, Miller-Keystone Blood Center, New York Blood Center (NYBC), RWJBarnabas Health, and Vitalant Blood Services collect and distribute lifesaving blood and blood products; and

WHEREAS, the need for a diverse blood supply is constant, but the supply is not; and

WHEREAS, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion due to illness, to treat an injury, or during surgery; and

WHEREAS, blood shortages nationwide have demonstrated the vulnerability of the blood supply and importance of inclusion in emergency preparedness planning;

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

JANUARY 2026
AS
BLOOD DONOR MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eighteenth day of December in the year two thousand twenty-five, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.



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