



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey became a trailblazer in 1910, with the establishment of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI), one of the nation's first State agencies dedicated exclusively to the unique educational, vocational, and day-to-day life needs of people who are blind, deafblind, or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that about 200,000 New Jersey residents live with blindness or severe vision loss; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the CBVI is to promote and provide services in the areas of education, employment, independence, and eye health through informed choice and in partnership with the community, and persons who are blind, deafblind or visually impaired and their families; and

WHEREAS, CBVI has always recognized the importance of providing services that facilitate access to opportunities that will enable people with vision loss to obtain their fullest measure of self-reliance and improved quality of life, as well as proactively endeavoring to ensure their dignified treatment as individuals who are able to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

WHEREAS, CBVI continues to work in partnership with consumers and all individuals and organizations that share their goal to prepare for the future while promoting the vast reservoir of talent and ability represented by people who are blind, deafblind, or visually impaired;

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

OCTOBER 2025
AS
BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



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


Lt. GOVERNOR


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