



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the season of Thanksgiving offers many opportunities for New Jerseyans to express their respect and appreciation to family members who have cared for and supported them throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the dedicated work of family caregivers - individuals who have provided support to loved ones who have disabilities, are chronically ill or elderly and have received no compensation for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, there are roughly 53 million family and informal caregivers in the United States according to a survey by the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, with over 1.75 million in New Jersey alone; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers assist in preventing and delaying costly institutional care for people with disabilities, the aging, chronically ill and mentally ill in our State and have increased the quality of life for these residents; and

WHEREAS, caring for a person with a disability, someone who is chronically ill or an older family member at home can be an enormously strenuous and stressful undertaking for both the caregiver and the family member receiving the care; and

WHEREAS, our communities must be made aware of the commitment of New Jersey's caregivers, so that they receive the tools and services they need to continue providing exemplary care to our most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Caregiver Task Force will soon complete its one-year mission to evaluate and provide recommendations on caregiver support services.

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

NOVEMBER 2021
AS
FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under the hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-ninth day of October in the year two thousand twenty-one, the two hundred forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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