Proclamation

WHEREAS, 2023 has been designated by the United States Administration for Community Living as Older Americans Month and the State of New Jersey embraces the national theme for this month, "Aging Unbound"; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to 1.8 million individuals aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to valuing all older adults and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of older adults in New Jersey play an important role by continuing to contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, our older adults are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the contributions and successes of older adults encourages their ongoing participation and further accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, through the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, the 21 county-based Area Agencies on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Connections, and the network of aging services community-based organizations is committed to ensuring older adults have access to a comprehensive system of supportive services that values and promotes their independence, dignity and choice;

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

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in New Jersey and encourage residents to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-first day of April in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

Lt. Governor

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