



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, *National Volunteer Week has been celebrated since 1974; and*

WHEREAS, *New Jersey's 1.5 million volunteers provide more than 170 million hours of service annually; and*

WHEREAS, *our volunteers make a lasting difference as they mentor and tutor students, serve the elderly and people with disabilities, prepare and distribute food to the needy, protect and beautify the environment, sustain our arts, remember our history and preserve our cultural institutions; and*

WHEREAS, *individuals, groups, and organizations mobilize others during natural disasters and times of crisis to provide much needed support, from recovery to revitalization, thus playing a critical role in the life and well-being of our residents and communities; and*

WHEREAS, *these volunteers represent all facets of our Garden State family - schools and colleges, the business community, faith-based organizations, senior citizen groups and non-profit agencies of all types; and*

WHEREAS, *National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to express our appreciation to the thousands of New Jersey citizens who provide these services;*

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

**APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 21, 2018  
AS  
VOLUNTEER WEEK**

*in New Jersey and urge all residents to consider volunteering in their respective communities.*



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixteenth day of April in the year two thousand eighteen, the two hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

*Richard J. Oliver*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Philip D. Murphy*  
GOVERNOR