



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen, known as "The Boss", was born in the USA on 23rd September 1949 to Adele Ann and Douglas Springsteen, down the shore in the City of Long Branch, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Bruce and his two younger sisters, Virginia and Pamela, grew up in the Borough of Freehold, near Nestlé's factory where they could smell the chocolate and coffee churning; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the Beatles at age 22, Bruce bought his first guitar and started playing venues around Monmouth County with The Rogues; and

WHEREAS, Bruce became the lead guitarist and lead singer of The Castles, played with Steel Mill and many other bands, before forming the iconic E Street Band; and

WHEREAS, Bruce and his wife, Vivienne Patricia Scialfa, have three children, Evan James Springsteen, Samuel Ryan Springsteen, and Olympian Jessica Rae Springsteen; and

WHEREAS, Bruce wrote the Billboard number-one song "Blinded by The Light", Oscar winning "Streets of Philadelphia", and has won four American Music Awards, 20 Grammy Awards, and one special Tony Award for "Springsteen on Broadway"; and

WHEREAS, Bruce also notably penned "Fire" recorded by the Pointer Sisters, "Pink Cadillac" recorded by Natalie Cole, and "Because the Night" recorded by fellow New Jersey native Patti Smith; and

WHEREAS, New Zealand astronomer I.P. Griffin officially named Planet 23990, first discovered in 1999, "Springsteen" in honor of the legendary musician; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Bruce Springsteen performed at Barack Obama's historic Presidential inauguration; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Bruce Springsteen was awarded the Kennedy Center Honors for his lifetime achievement in the arts; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Springsteen received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor, at the White House from President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, President Joseph R. Biden awarded Bruce Springsteen the National Medal of Arts, the highest award given to artists and art patrons by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen has written an acclaimed autobiography "Born to Run" and partnered with former President Barack Obama to write the book "Renegades: Born in the USA"; and

WHEREAS, since 1973, Bruce "The Boss" Springsteen has released 21 studio albums, 23 live albums, 77 singles, and 66 music videos; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has sold over 150 million records worldwide, listing him among the best-selling music artists in history; and

WHEREAS, according to Recording Industry Association of America, Bruce Springsteen has sold 65.5 million albums in the United States, making him the 7th best-selling male soloist of all time; and

WHEREAS, "Born in the U.S.A." remains the best-selling album of his career, selling more than 30 million copies around the world; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band remains one of the most iconic and influential bands throughout the State of New Jersey and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, beyond being an iconic singer, songwriter and family man, "the Boss" has acted on film, to and Broadway, recorded a podcast series with President Barack Obama, written, starred in and produced documentaries, and has helped countless charities in New Jersey and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen will forever be remembered as the voice of the Garden State, signaling to the world that New Jerseyans were born to run;

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

SEPTEMBER 23
AS
BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN DAY

for creating the soundtrack to our glory days.



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

Deirdre Y. Deen

Lt. GOVERNOR

Philip D. Murphy
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