



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States are observing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to memorialize the young lives that were taken too soon and honor the survivors who face chronic health challenges; and

WHEREAS, nationally each year, thousands of children face the battle against cancer with inspiring hope and incredible bravery; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, approximately 10,450 children under the age of fifteen will be diagnosed with cancer in 2014; and

WHEREAS, each year, an average of 440 New Jerseyans under the age of nineteen are diagnosed with cancer and roughly 50 lives are lost; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is one of the leading causes of death among children under nineteen, although with appropriate treatment survival rates for many childhood cancers have risen sharply over the past few decades; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer crosses all racial, ethnic and social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the devastating effects of childhood cancer on the residents of this State; and

WHEREAS, this month in New Jersey we pay tribute to the healthcare professionals, researchers, private philanthropies and parent advocacy groups who collaborate to provide hope and help to patients and families affected by pediatric cancer while making vital contributions to the ongoing search for a cure for childhood cancers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 2014

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CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage residents to show their support of this cause by increasing awareness, speaking up about childhood cancer, wearing the color gold and reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eleventh day of August in the year two thousand fourteen, the two hundred thirty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.


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