



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes as our national flag; and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first Presidential Flag Day Proclamation on June 14th, 1916, recognizing our national flag as an important symbol and calling for a special celebration throughout the Nation as an expression of our devotion to liberty and justice and our sense of common purpose; and

WHEREAS, commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States generates national pride in the United States, its history and its values and honors the men and women who serve our country; and

WHEREAS, the American people are encouraged to display our Nation's flag proudly on Flag Day as its presence throughout our history makes it a powerful symbol representing the historic course of our country and the struggles that were faced to establish our republic; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, a joint resolution of Congress commemorated President Wilson's initiative by designating June 14 of each year as "Flag Day;" and

WHEREAS, in 2017 we will also commemorate another significant milestone in the history of the United States: the 125th anniversary year of the Pledge of Allegiance, written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy;

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

JUNE 14, 2017

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FLAG DAY

in New Jersey, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the Flag of the United States of America on this 101th anniversary of President Wilson's historic proclamation.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirtieth day of May in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.



Kim Mulcahy
Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR