



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey there are approximately 8,000 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe home and the compassion of a foster family; and

WHEREAS, there are 150,000 foster families across the country that dedicate themselves to providing these children with the love and values needed to prepare them for responsible adult living; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, as well as public and private organizations working to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care and those leaving foster care, because the foster care system is only as good as those who volunteer to be part of it; and

WHEREAS, foster and adoptive services throughout New Jersey work to provide stable, safe and nurturing homes for children living in foster care;

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

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FOSTER CARE MONTH

in New Jersey, and urge all residents to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and the professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Lt. GOVERNOR

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

GOVERNOR