



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's extreme response to an infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC & the Sepsis Alliance, Sepsis affects more than 1.7 million people and 350,000 people die every year in the United States - one every 90 seconds; and

WHEREAS, immunocompromised people, young children, and the elderly experience the greatest number of sepsis-related deaths; and

WHEREAS underserved communities and communities of color experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and

WHEREAS, about 2,060 New Jersey residents die each year due to septicemia and is the State's ninth leading cause of death and 15 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, sepsis kills more Americans than prostate cancer, breast cancer, and AIDS combined, and is the most expensive cause of hospitalization in the United States estimated to be \$62 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of COVID-19, infection prevention and sepsis awareness are critical to public health; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that only 12 percent of United States adults know the symptoms of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors;


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

## SEPTEMBER 2023 AS SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



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

  
GOVERNOR