



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Displaced Homemakers are individuals who have worked primarily in the home, but find themselves needing to enter the paid labor market, as a result of various circumstances, including divorce, separation, death of a spouse, disability of a spouse and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, as the sole provider for the family, displaced homemakers must join or rejoin the paid workforce; and

WHEREAS, being removed from the paid workforce for even short amounts of time can negatively impact job and career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, financial independence is jeopardized, and the family unit can be compromised when household income is at-risk; and

WHEREAS, many displaced homemakers in the State of New Jersey live below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, displaced homemakers can benefit from job counseling, financial management assistance, education and other support services, to help them achieve their personal and professional goals, and economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Department of Children and Families' Division on Women offers programs that support, coordinate, strengthen, promote and expand services for displaced homemakers; and

WHEREAS, these programs can enhance the skills, employability and earnings of Displaced Homemakers, improving their lives, their families' lives, their entire community and the state;

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

MAY 2019
AS
DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS AWARENESS
MONTH

in New Jersey in recognition of their challenges and New Jersey's work to empower families with programs and services that facilitate their resilience.



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


Lt. GOVERNOR


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