



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the story of New Jersey is recorded in our architecture, historic landscapes, sites, structures and historic districts; by preserving these historic resources, we preserve our link to the past; and*

WHEREAS, *historic preservation is an effective tool for revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, promoting tourism and economic development while maintaining community character and enhancing livability; and*

WHEREAS, *Historic Preservation Month 2012 reminds us that historic preservation not only protects the places that tell our nation's story, but also creates jobs and spurs economic development on our Main Streets; and*

WHEREAS, *the preservation of our diverse historic resources is the foundation of New Jersey's heritage tourism industry, which is an important component of the state's economic wellbeing; and*

WHEREAS, *it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and*

WHEREAS, *"Discovering America's Hidden Gems" is the theme for Historic Preservation Month 2012, which is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Natural & Historic Resources, Historic Preservation Office, the New Jersey Historic Sites Council and the local preservation and neighborhood organizations in this state;*

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

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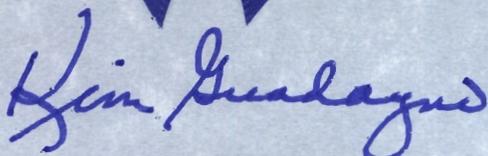
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

in New Jersey, and call upon the people of the Garden State to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance. I encourage all to volunteer to assist a community preservation project, host an educational history event and include New Jersey's historic sites and hotels on your next vacation to learn about our state's past.



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



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