



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the earth sciences, and knowledge about the geology, soils, and ground water, are fundamental to the health and safety of the people of the State and to the proper stewardship of New Jersey lands, natural resources and open space; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are vital to understanding sources of air pollutants that most affect New Jersey, including greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are critical for assuring adequate supplies of clean ground water and surface water, minimizing potential for drought, and protecting and enhancing the quality of our rivers, streams, lakes and coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences support sustainable growth and livable communities by informing criteria for the protection of natural resources and by enabling science-based decision-making and enhancing local and regional planning; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are crucial for understanding and assessing existing and newly emerging environmental threats to public health and safety, including floods, coastal erosion, droughts, sinkholes, landslides, sea level rise, earthquakes and contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are integral to environmental enhancement and restoration initiatives that produce tangible improvements in environmental quality and public health; and

WHEREAS, earth science education engages young people and the general public with direct experience in understanding all factors driving climate and the role climate plays in the history of Earth and humankind, a goal reflected by the Earth Science Week 2009 theme "Understanding Climate;" and

WHEREAS, the earth science professionals serve New Jersey residents and the regulated community via publication, distribution and archiving of environmental data, maps and digital products; and

WHEREAS, earth science education is a tool for environmental literacy, empowering citizens to understand and appreciate complex Earth systems, maintain wise stewardship of limited resources, and play a role in environmental protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

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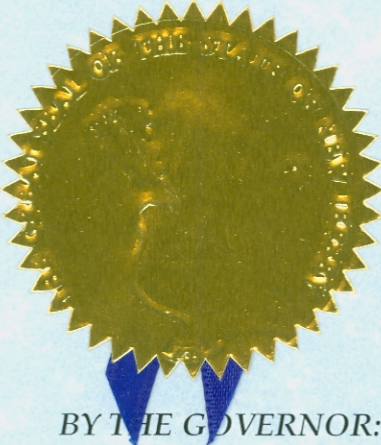
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in New Jersey, and urge all citizens to take this opportunity to learn more about the earth sciences and the important role this field of science plays in the protection of our natural resources and our quality of life here in the Garden State.

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

GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

NINA MITCHELL WELLS
SECRETARY OF STATE