



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, January is National Blood Donor Month, calling attention to a year-round need for blood donations; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey faces a severe and chronic shortage of its blood supply, with less than a two-day supply at most times throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, blood is a strategic resource, needed every day of the year for treatment of injuries, illnesses and use during surgeries; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 units of blood are transfused in New Jersey hospitals each year, but donations from volunteer blood donors do not keep pace with the growing need; and

WHEREAS, chronic shortages have become a way of life in hospital blood banks and transfusion services departments, affecting overall hospital operations and ultimately patient care; and

WHEREAS, we or someone we love may need blood and we will want the supply to be there for ourselves or our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, workplace blood drives across New Jersey will raise awareness of the need for blood donations through the Save 3 Lives: All in a Day's Work campaign, and all residents can volunteer to donate blood that might save up to three lives; and

WHEREAS, those who donate blood at their workplace, a blood center or a community blood drive deserve our deep appreciation and gratitude;

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

JANUARY 2009  
AS  
NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

in New Jersey, and encourage all residents who are medically able to donate blood throughout the year, ensuring an adequate blood supply at all times to save lives.

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



BY THE GOVERNOR:

GOVERNOR

NINA MITCHELL WELLS  
SECRETARY OF STATE