



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the nation's fourth most culturally, racially and ethnically diverse state and that diversity brings both incredible benefits as well as challenges in addressing the needs of people of different cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, within the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services was established in September 1990 to foster high quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic populations in New Jersey achieve optimal health; and

WHEREAS, minorities in New Jersey are disproportionately affected by chronic diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma, HIV, diabetes and obesity; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Heather Howard and the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health recognize that it is very important to eradicate health disparities in New Jersey to improve health, quality of life and longevity for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, eliminating health disparities has been the focus of the Department of Health and Senior Services and many programs have been instituted to address numerous health issues that disproportionately impact minority communities; and

WHEREAS, personal knowledge of health resources and having access to them can help to support a healthy lifestyle and improve health outcomes, and therefore this year's Minority and Multicultural Health Month theme is "Take Control of Your Health";

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

SEPTEMBER 2009

AS

MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL HEALTH MONTH

in New Jersey, and encourage all citizens to join me in these worthy observances.

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

GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

NINA MITCHELL WELLS
SECRETARY OF STATE