

# Windows 7: Internet Explorer Compatibility View - Turn On or Off

## How to Turn Internet Explorer Compatibility View On or Off for a Website

Websites that were designed for earlier versions of **Internet Explorer** might not display correctly in **IE8, IE9, or IE10**. When you turn on **Compatibility View**, the webpage you're viewing, as well as any other web pages within the website's domain, will be displayed as if you were using an earlier version of Internet Explorer.

This tutorial will show you how to add (turn on) and remove (turn off) websites to be displayed in Compatibility View.

### Note

Not all website display problems are caused by browser incompatibility. Interrupted Internet connections, heavy traffic, or website bugs can also affect how a webpage is displayed.

### **OPTION ONE**

## Through the Internet Explorer Address Bar

**NOTE:** If Internet Explorer recognizes a webpage that is not compatible, you will see the Compatibility View icon button  on the Address bar.

### 1. To Turn On Compatibility View for a Website in Internet Explorer

A) Click/tap on the unhighlighted Compatibility View icon button. (See screenshot below)

**NOTE:** The webpage will now reload with Compatibility View turned on for it, and the website will be added to the list in compatibility view settings (Option Three below).



### 2. To Turn Off Compatibility View for a Website in Internet Explorer

A) Click/tap on the highlighted (blue) Compatibility View icon button. (See screenshot below)

**NOTE:** The webpage will now reload with Compatibility View turned off for it, and the website will be removed from the list in compatibility view settings (Option Three below).



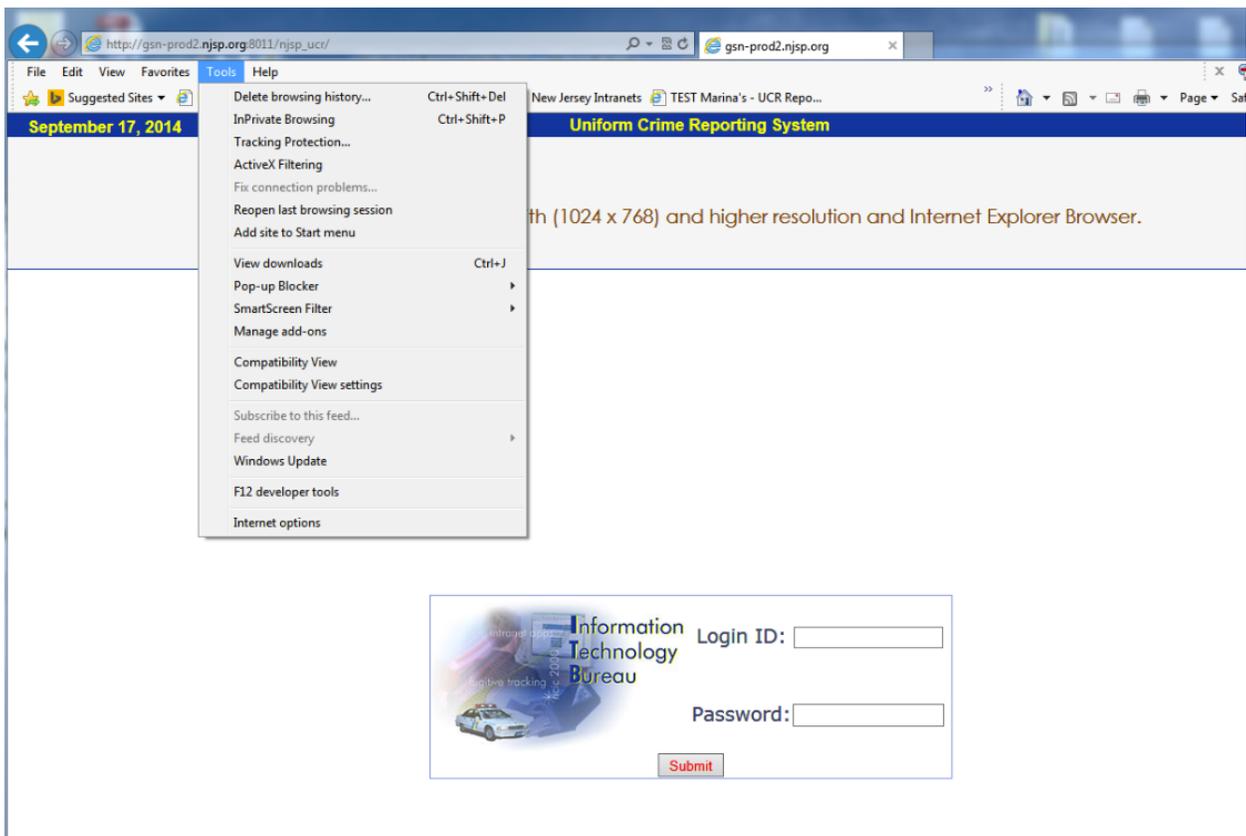
## OPTION TWO

### Through the Tools Menu

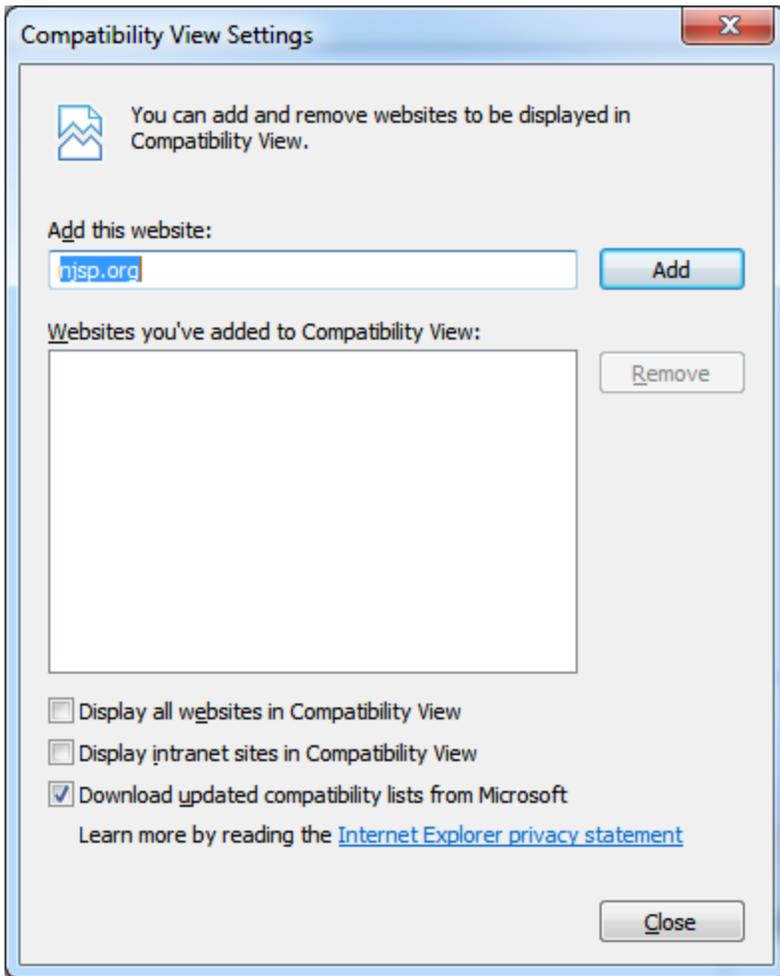
**NOTE:** This will let you turn on or off Compatibility View for the current webpage.

1. Click/tap on the **Tools Menu Bar** (ALT+T) item. (See screenshot below)

**NOTE:** If **CompatibilityView** is grayed out, then the webpage has no compatibility issues and does not need to have Compatibility View turned on for it. You can still use **METHOD THREE** below to turn on Compatibility View for it though if you like.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `http://gsn-prod2.njsp.org:8011/njsp_ucr/`. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The Tools menu is open, showing options such as Delete browsing history..., InPrivate Browsing, Tracking Protection..., ActiveX Filtering, Fix connection problems..., Reopen last browsing session, Add site to Start menu, View downloads, Pop-up Blocker, SmartScreen Filter, Manage add-ons, Compatibility View, Compatibility View settings, Subscribe to this feed..., Feed discovery, Windows Update, F12 developer tools, and Internet options. The Compatibility View option is highlighted. Below the browser window, there is a login form for the Information Technology Bureau. The form includes a logo on the left, the text "Information Technology Bureau", and two input fields labeled "Login ID:" and "Password:". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form.

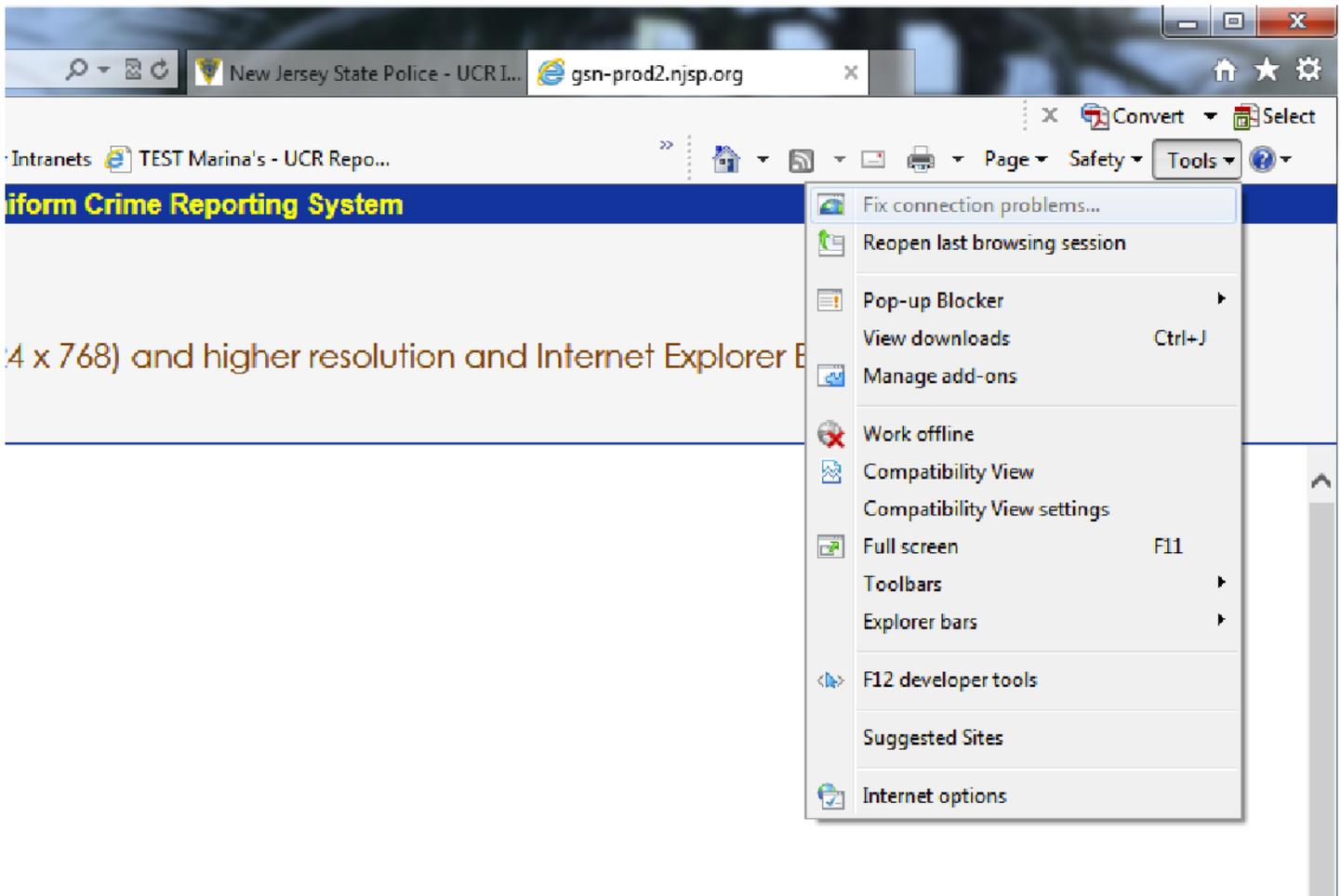


A) Go to step 3.

**OR**

2. Click/tap on the **Tools Command Bar** button. (See screenshot below)

**NOTE:** If **Compatibility View** is grayed out, then the webpage has no compatibility issues and does not need to have Compatibility View turned on for it. You can still use **METHOD THREE** below to turn on Compatibility View for it though if you like.



### 3. To Turn On Compatibility View for a Website in Internet Explorer

A) Click/tap on **Compatibility View** to check it. (See screenshots above)

**NOTE:** The webpage will now reload with Compatibility View turned on for it, and the website will be added to the list in compatibility view settings (Option Three below).

### 4. To Turn Off Compatibility View for a Website in Internet Explorer

A) Click/tap on **Compatibility View** to uncheck it. (See screenshots above)

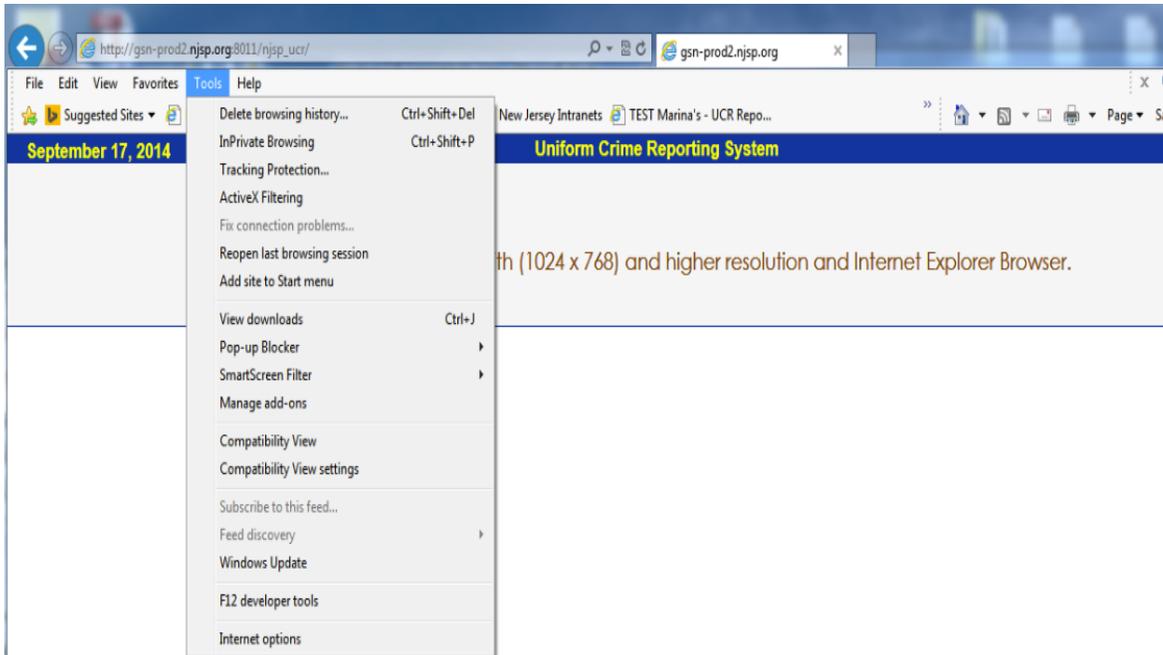
**NOTE:** The webpage will now reload with Compatibility View turned off for it, and the website will be removed from the list in compatibility view settings (Option Three below).

## **»»» OPTION THREE «««**

### **Through Compatibility View Settings**

**NOTE:** This will let you turn on or off Compatibility View for a webpage by adding or removing the webpage address from the Compatibility View list.

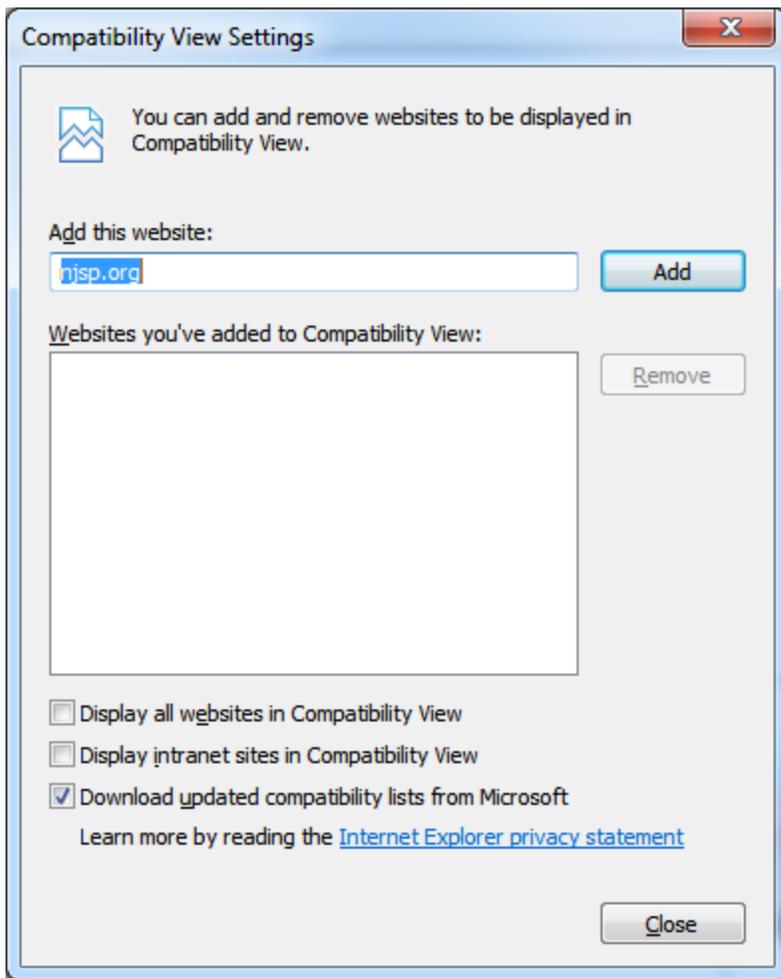
1. Click/tap on the **Tools Menu Bar** (ALT+T) item, and go to **step 3** below. (See screenshot below)

A login form for the Information Technology Bureau. The form has a blue header with the text 'Information Technology Bureau' and a graphic of a computer monitor and a car. To the right of the header, there are two input fields: 'Login ID:' and 'Password:'. Below these fields is a 'Submit' button.

Information Technology Bureau

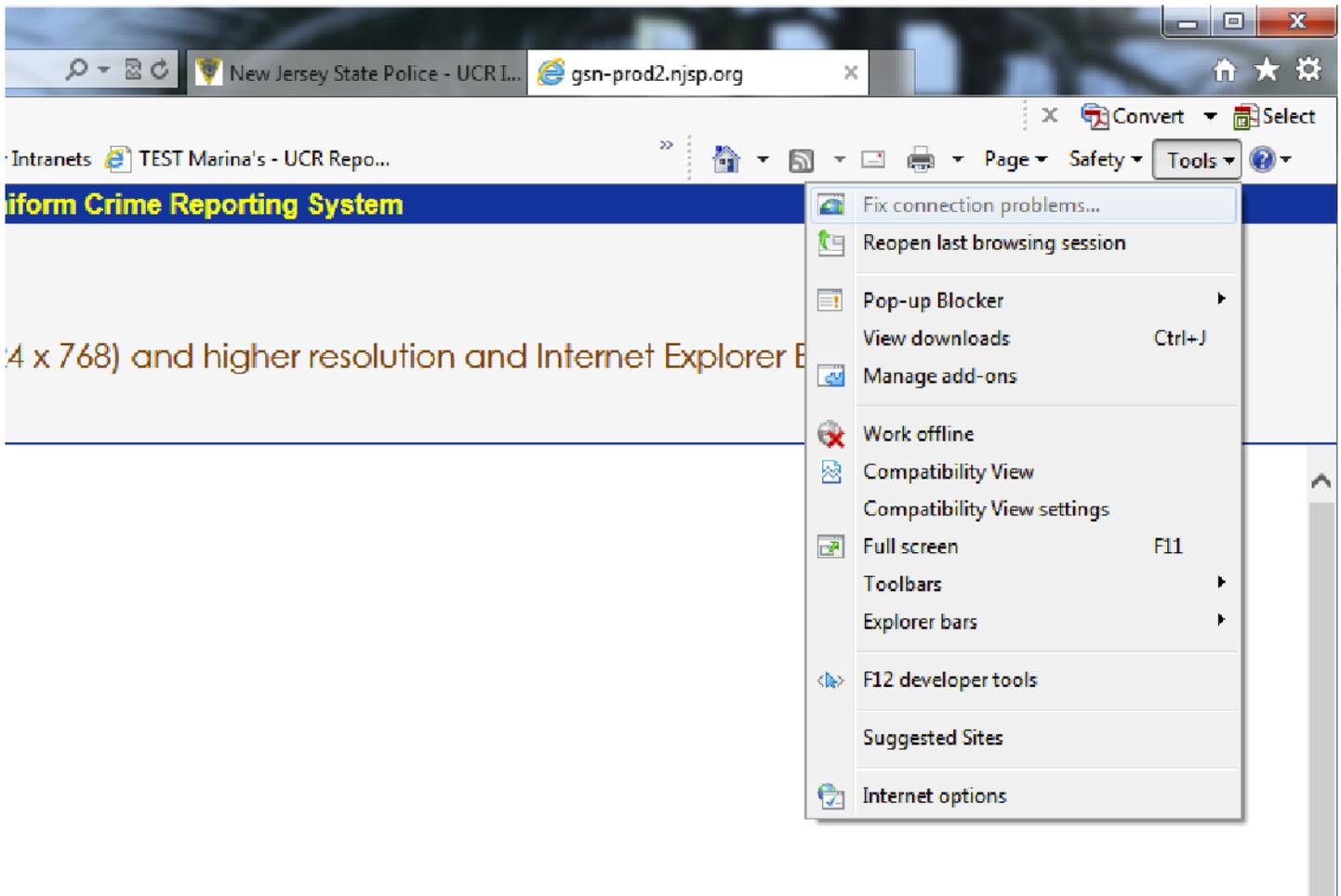
Login ID:

Password:



**OR**

2. Click/tap on the **Tools Command Bar** button. (See screenshot below)

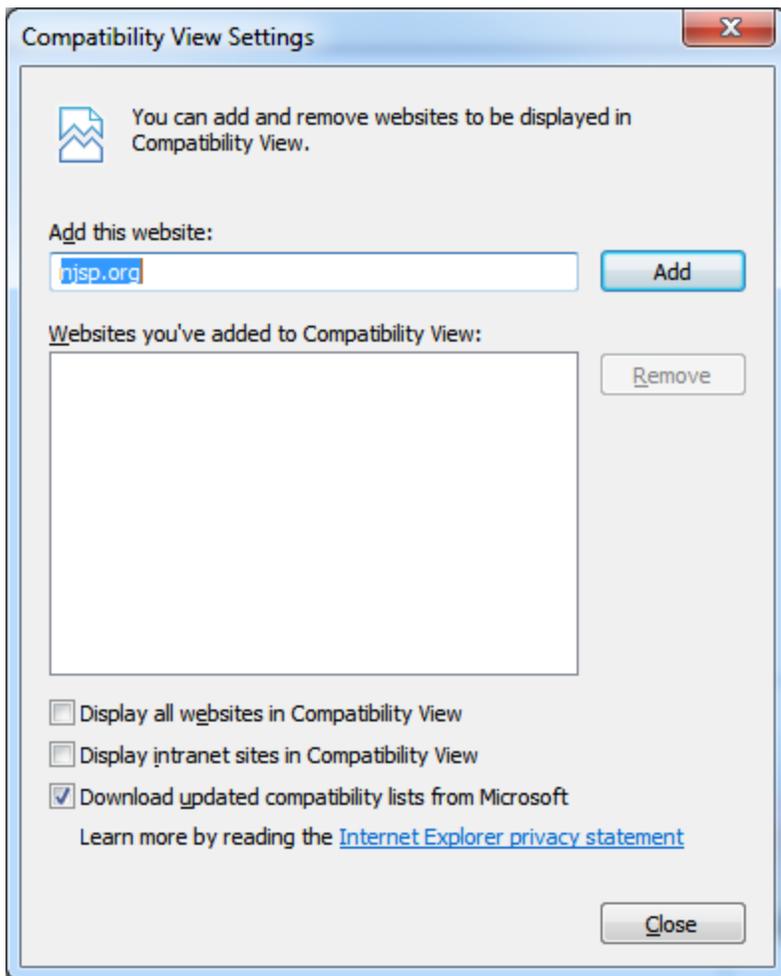


3. Click/tap on **Compatibility View Settings**. (See screenshots above)

**4. To Add a Website to the Compatibility View List in Internet Explorer**

A) Type in the webpage address that you want to turn on Compatibility View for, and click/tap on the **Add** button. (See screenshot below)

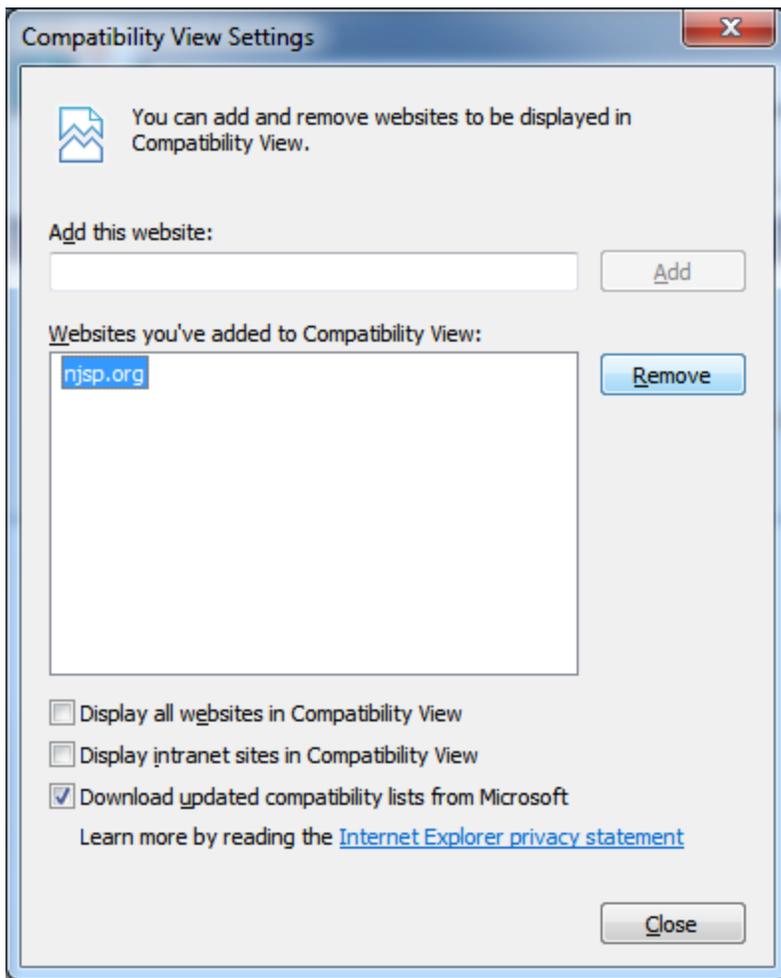
**NOTE:** *The current webpage address will automatically be filled in for you. Just clear it if you want to add a different address instead.*



B) Go to step 6.

### 5. To Remove a Website from the Compatibility View List in Internet Explorer

A) Select a listed webpage address that you want to turn off Compatibility View for, and click/tap on the **Remove** button. (See screenshot below)



6. Click/tap on the **Close** button. (See screenshots above)