



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey joins communities across the nation in recognizing 988 Day as part of National Suicide Prevention Month and ongoing efforts to promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, September 8, 2026, marks 988 Day, an annual day of action dedicated to raising awareness of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and encouraging individuals to seek support for themselves or others when facing mental health, substance use, or emotional distress challenges; and

WHEREAS, 988 Day serves as an opportunity to foster open conversations about mental health, reduce stigma, and remind all New Jerseyans that help is available whenever it is needed; and

WHEREAS, individuals, families, schools, community organizations, employers, veterans' groups, and other stakeholders across New Jersey can participate in events and activities that promote mental wellness, suicide prevention, and connection to support services; and

WHEREAS, by sharing information about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and using #988Day, New Jerseyans can help spread the message that compassionate, confidential support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of 988 strengthens our collective commitment to preventing suicide, supporting those in crisis, and building healthier, safer, and more resilient communities throughout New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

AS
988 DAY

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of August in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.



Dale G. Cohen
Lt. GOVERNOR

Mikie Sherrill
GOVERNOR