

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week has been celebrated since 1974; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 1.8 million volunteers provide more than 160 million hours of service annually with their volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers represent all facets of our Garden State family – schools and colleges, faith-based organizations, senior citizen groups, the business community, non-profit agencies, and national service program members; and

WHEREAS, our volunteers make a lasting difference as they mentor and tutor students, serve the elderly and people with disabilities, prepare and distribute food to the needy, beautify the environment, rescue and protect animals, sustain our arts, remember our history and preserve our cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, individuals, groups, and organizations mobilize others during natural disasters and times of crisis to provide much needed support, from recovery to revitalization, thus playing a critical role in the life and wellbeing of our residents and communities; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to express our appreciation to the thousands of New Jersey citizens who provide these services; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey joins with the nation to "CELEBRATE SERVICE,"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

## APRIL 7 THROUGH APRIL 13, 2019 AS VOLUNTEER WEEK

in New Jersey and urge all residents to consider volunteering in their respective communities.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fifth day of in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.

Lt. GOVERNOR