



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by the Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to the serious and potentially fatal medical condition known as sepsis; and

WHEREAS, sepsis results from an overwhelming immune response to infection, whereby immune chemicals released into the blood to combat infection trigger widespread inflammation; and

WHEREAS, sepsis can be treated with immediate diagnosis and care but must be treated as a medical emergency, as it contributes to tissue damage and organ failure; and

WHEREAS, each year, sepsis is responsible for at least 270,000 deaths in the United States, with young children and the elderly experiencing the greatest number of sepsis-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, those at the highest risk of developing sepsis include some of the most vulnerable people including the very young and the very old (infants and seniors), as well as children with chronic chest or skin conditions, or serious illnesses, such as asthma, diabetes and cancer, and those who have an impaired immune system; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the third leading cause of preventable maternal deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, common infections such as pneumonia, influenza, and urinary tract infections can result in sepsis; and

WHEREAS, 50 percent of sepsis survivors can experience post-sepsis syndrome characterized by life-changing physical and psychological damage; and

WHEREAS, sepsis kills more Americans than prostate cancer, breast, cancer, and opioid overdoses combined, and is the most expensive cause of hospitalization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by the Sepsis Alliance found that only 12 percent of U.S. adults know the symptoms of sepsis;

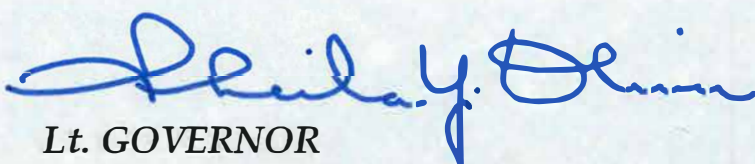
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 2019
AS
SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



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


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