



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 1.5 million volunteers provide more than 170 million hours of service annually; 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, protect and beautify the environment, sustain our arts, remember our history and preserve our cultural institutions; and

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

WHEREAS, individuals, groups and organizations play a critical role in the life and well-being of our residents and communities, especially during natural disasters and times of crisis by providing much-needed support from recovery to revitalization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 23 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2017

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 eighteenth day of April in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR