



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Asthma is a serious chronic disease of the lungs that is caused by inflammation in the airways that afflicts people of all ages and backgrounds. Asthma attacks are often triggered by environmental factors such as cigarette smoke, pollution or dust and can result in significant restrictions of activity, hospitalization or even death. Other triggers include weather changes, exercise, pet dander and allergens; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that asthma affects approximately 735,000 New Jersey residents a year; and

WHEREAS, there are significant disparities in the burden of asthma among specific populations in New Jersey. Although asthma affects people of all ages, races, and ethnic groups, low-income and minority populations experience substantially higher rates of fatalities, hospital admissions and emergency room visits due to asthma; and

WHEREAS, asthma educators save and improve the quality of life for those with asthma; and

WHEREAS, everyone can benefit from knowing the value of asthma education and can learn where to turn for advice on asthma and becoming an asthma educator; and

WHEREAS, asthma educators are dedicated to helping individuals learn to treat asthma and those afflicted with asthma to live healthy and complete lives; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for asthma but it can be prevented and controlled with proper care and people with asthma can live normal active lives;

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

MAY 2010

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ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and urge all residents to help raise awareness of the prevalence of asthma and the importance of proper asthma management.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Kim Guadagno
LT. GOVERNOR

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this third day of May in the year two thousand ten, the two hundred thirty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR