STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 20 percent of the United States' population has some type of disability, which correlates to approximately 1.85 million people in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are vital members of their communities and residents of our Great State; and

WHEREAS, through the advocacy work of people with disabilities, all residents gain greater understanding and acceptance of disabled peoples' capabilities and contributions to the Garden State; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services is the home of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Division of Developmental Disabilities and the Division of Disability Services, all of which serve as gateways to New Jersey's resources for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride encourages individuals to join together in an effort to gain greater public understanding that having a disability is only one part of the many attributes of an individual and does not diminish an individual or lessen what an individual is capable of accomplishing; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride promotes the independence, inclusion and wellbeing of residents with disabilities across New Jersey;

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

JULY 2023
AS
DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

in New Jersey.

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

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