



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, state and local governments, schools, and school districts encourage and promote healthy and active lifestyles for students and residents of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health-related problems and the ability to walk or bike to school offers an opportunity to build physical activity into students' daily routines; and

WHEREAS, walking and bicycling instead of relying on private motor vehicles to transport students to and from nearby schools reduces traffic congestion, fuel consumption and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, all stakeholders in the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Program strive to inform, assist, inspire and encourage children and their families to walk and bicycle safely to and from school and within their community in an effort to boost physical activity and exercise; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration shall provide an opportunity for students and their families in New Jersey to walk and bicycle safely to and from school and within their community with a strong effort to promote and encourage healthy and active lifestyles and create a safe environment for students and residents to walk and bike to school and around town; and

WHEREAS, National Bike & Roll to School Day is Wednesday, May 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, 2023 is the eleventh year of New Jersey schools celebrating New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Safe Routes to School, New Jersey's eight Transportation Management Associations, and schools across the state will be promoting bicycling and walking to school in the month of May;

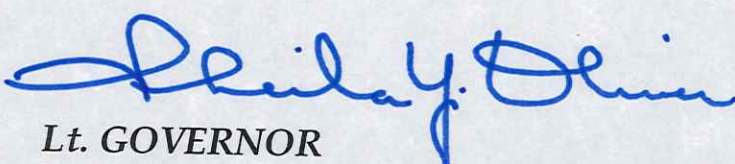
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2023
AS
WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH

in New Jersey.



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


Lt. GOVERNOR


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