



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), also called Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS), is a complex and debilitating illness, often interrupting the education or employment of patients, complicating their family and social lives, and causing an accumulation of medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome symptoms include severe exhaustion, widespread joint and muscle pain, cognitive difficulties and relapse after previously well-tolerated physical or mental exertion; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has designated ME/CFS as a "serious public health concern," which affects more than one million American adults and children, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) continues to investigate and document the frequency and spread of this syndrome; and

WHEREAS, children and adolescents with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome face many physical, social and academic challenges; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is pleased to join all organizations that provide programs, support groups, medical research and medical conferences throughout the State in order to support patients who struggle daily to cope with illness and disability;

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

MAY 2010

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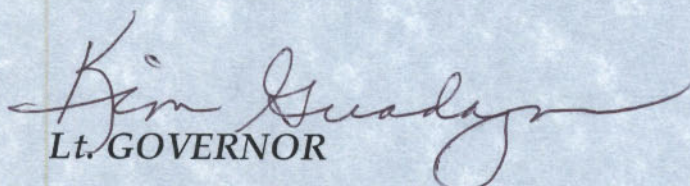
CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



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

BY THE GOVERNOR:


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