



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, brain tumors are masses of unnecessary cells growing in the brain that can be either primary, which start, and tend to stay in the brain; or metastatic, which begin as cancer somewhere else in the body and spread to the brain; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors can be diagnosed as "benign" or "malignant," however, there are many factors involved that can make it difficult to classify them one way or the other; and

WHEREAS, no risk factor accounting for the majority of brain tumors has been identified, although many environmental and genetic factors have been, and are, being studied; and

WHEREAS, it was estimated that approximately 68,470 new cases of primary malignant and benign brain and central nervous system tumors will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2015; and

WHEREAS, it was estimated that about 115,799 Americans were diagnosed with malignant brain and central nervous system tumors in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the average annual new brain tumor case count was 700 for malignant and 1,170 for benign in New Jersey in 2004-2008; and

WHEREAS, it was estimated that approximately 14,320 Americans in 2014 and 1,880 New Jersey residents in 2012 died with brain and central nervous system tumors; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the courageous battle fought by those who are currently undergoing treatment for brain tumors as well as the dedicated medical professionals who are working hard to save the lives of their patients;

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

**MAY 2015**

AS

**BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH**

in New Jersey and encourage residents to learn about the potential causes of brain tumors and do all they can to spread awareness of this serious health concern.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty - ninth of April in the year two thousand fifteen, the two hundred thirty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.

*Kim Guadagno*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR