



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 is estimated that approximately 80,000 new cases of primary malignant and non-malignant brain and central nervous system (CNS) tumors will be diagnosed in the United States in 2017; and

WHEREAS, it was estimated that about 688,096 people in the U.S. were living with a primary brain and CNS tumors in 2016; and

WHEREAS, during the period 2010-2014, the number of cases of brain and CNS tumors in New Jersey was 3,374 for malignant and 7,674 for benign; and

WHEREAS, it was estimated that approximately 16,616 Americans died with brain and CNS tumors in 2016, and between 2010-2014, in New Jersey 852 women and 1,099 men died from malignant brain and other 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:

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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-seventh day of April in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.



Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR