



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic in New Jersey and across the United States has exponentially and unequally affected racial/ethnic minorities and other vulnerable populations more than the rest of the population, and their vaccination rates, although increasing, are disproportionately lower too; and

WHEREAS, despite of our vaccination progress in New Jersey, racial/ethnic minorities and other vulnerable populations are continuing to experience disproportionately higher COVID morbidity, mortality and vaccination rates; and

WHEREAS, minorities have historically been those most severely affected by health disparities in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health was established in September 1990, with a mission to foster high quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic populations in New Jersey achieve optimal health, dignity and independence; and

WHEREAS, April is National Minority Health Month in New Jersey and the nation and this year's theme is #VaccineReady, and the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health is charged to improve the health status of New Jersey's minority and medically underserved populations by improving access to quality community-based health care services; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, in the New Jersey Department of Health, in conjunction with a host of community-based organizations, civic associations, faith-based organizations, care providers and local government offices, will unite in a month long, highly visible COVID-19 vaccination promotion and prevention campaign to eliminate health disparities;

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

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MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL HEALTH MONTH

in New Jersey and urge all citizens to participate in this multicultural campaign to heighten awareness about health equity and minority health issues, particularly those related to COVID-19, and to focus on the empowerment of communities to get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines, share accurate vaccine information, participate in clinical trials, get vaccinated when the time comes and practice COVID-19 safety measures.



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

Phillip D. Murphy

Lt. GOVERNOR

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