



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Congress has designated the third full week in March as National Poison Prevention Week in an effort to raise national awareness about the dangers of potentially poisonous substances commonly found around the home. These include prescription and over-the-counter medications, dietary/herbal supplements, household cleaning supplies and cosmetics; and

WHEREAS, since poisoning is now the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention to identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as improving ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and

WHEREAS, although every poisoning is preventable, the majority of accidental poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59 and approximately half of all reported poison exposures involved children under six years of age; and

WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes, liquid nicotine and "single-load liquid laundry packets" may contain harmful ingredients with enticing colors, aromas and flavors, which increases the likelihood that small children and pets may be drawn to them. These products can cause serious harm if ingested; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health/ NJ Medical School at Rutgers, provides free, expert medical advice, drug information and poison prevention education to New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Poison Experts encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Hotline 800-222-1222 into home, office and mobile phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives;

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

MARCH 17 THROUGH MARCH 23, 2019

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POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in New Jersey, and I encourage residents to do everything in their power to ensure the safety of themselves, their families and their communities.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twelfth day of March in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.

Philip D. Murphy

Lt. GOVERNOR

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