STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey's proud tradition of democratic participation depends on a populace equipped with knowledge of our government, the skills to engage across differences, and a shared commitment to strengthening the civic fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, civic engagement—whether expressed through service, art, media, education, wellness initiatives, or nonpartisan voter participation—is essential to sustaining and reinvigorating our constitutional democracy; and

WHEREAS, the practice of democracy is not inherited automatically but must be learned, exercised, and renewed by each generation, especially through opportunities that empower young people and all residents to contribute meaningfully to the civic life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, educators, community leaders, students, and volunteers across New Jersey undertake vital and often under-recognized work to cultivate informed, engaged, and civically confident residents; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of National Civics Day, CivicsNJ has launched Civics Day NJ, a statewide Day of Action designed to spotlight and strengthen civic engagement across New Jersey by encouraging schools, nonprofits, community groups, faith-based organizations, libraries, colleges, and residents to reimagine their everyday work as acts of civic participation; and

WHEREAS, Civics Day NJ invites New Jerseyans to organize interactive, youth-centered programs and projects—whether in classrooms, community spaces, or public venues—framing them as meaningful acts of civic learning and engagement; and

WHEREAS, this initiative seeks to empower young people and residents to be active contributors to their communities, recognizing that civic participation is not confined to a single day but is part of an ongoing, much-needed effort to strengthen our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey affirms the importance of expanding access to civic learning and ensuring that every community sees itself reflected in the civic life of our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 27, 2026
AS
CIVICS DAY

in the Garden State.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of October in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

GOVERNOR