

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools serve nearly 1.4 million children in prekindergarten through $12^{\rm th}$ grade; and

WHEREAS, nearly 5,000 local board of education members in New Jersey devote countless hours, without remuneration, to the oversight of school district operations, including finances, policy, curriculum and staffing; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local boards of education endeavor to meet the challenges facing public schools and to help students attain the education necessary to excel in college and in the workplace and to enable them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, local boards of education have contributed to New Jersey being among the leading states in academic achievement, as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores, and the preparation for college through Advanced Placement offerings and SAT assessments; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2018 to be School Board Recognition Month; and

WHEREAS, by making meaningful contributions to public education, the dedicated members of local school boards have greatly enhanced the quality of life in our State through their actions and decisions on behalf of our students;

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

JANUARY 2018 AS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifth day of January in the year two thousand eighteen, the two hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

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