



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *National Addiction Professionals Day is part of National Recovery Month established in 1992 by the NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, to commemorate the vital work that addiction professionals do on a daily basis; and*

WHEREAS, *National Addiction Professionals Day aims to increase awareness and understanding of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, acknowledge the powerful work of addiction professionals, and celebrate people in recovery; and*

WHEREAS, *the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, reports that there are over 5,000 active addiction professionals working tirelessly to improve lives and make New Jersey's communities safer and drug-free; and*

WHEREAS, *addiction professionals provide compassion, commit to provide quality care, and instill hope to countless individuals and families for long-term recovery; and*

WHEREAS, *addiction professionals effectively individualize treatment as a means of assisting each person in gaining intrinsic motivation in order to effectively follow a path toward successful recovery; and*

WHEREAS, *addiction professionals combat stigma and discrimination associated with addiction by raising awareness, using scientifically-sound counseling methods, and treating individuals with dignity and respect; and*

WHEREAS, *addiction professionals maintain the highest degree of competence and ethical practice to inspire and promote an individual's health and wellness; and*

WHEREAS, *during the Covid-19 pandemic, addiction professionals have expanded access to telehealth services and ensured access to medication for Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders; and*

WHEREAS, *addiction professionals are dedicated to enhancing the lives' of New Jersey citizens through Prevention, Treatment and Recovery;*

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
AS
ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS DAY

in New Jersey.



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


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