



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 232,500 children receive special education instruction in New Jersey's public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, approximately 18,200 children who receive special education instruction are enrolled in preschool and early intervention programs in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, thousands of parents, teachers, child study team members and school administrators generously give their time and energy to support the learning needs of students who receive special education; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, the New Jersey School Boards Association and "ASAH...serving the private special education community since 1974" have sponsored Special Education Week in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Special Education Week 2016 is "Making Dreams Happen;" and

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the private schools of New Jersey make a major contribution to the public welfare by preparing thousands of exceptional persons to participate as citizens of this and as members of society;

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

MAY 8 THROUGH 14, 2016

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SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK

in New Jersey and call upon all residents to recognize the achievements of New Jersey's special education students and the outstanding contributions made by educators, school board members, schools and agencies for the disabled and their parents.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixth day of May in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
LT. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR