



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, protecting public health and the environment is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, air pollution remains one of our greatest public health challenges, especially in the most densely populated state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are the largest source of air pollutants in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are a large contributor to ground-level ozone, commonly known as smog, as well as the largest source of air toxics, and the largest contributor to climate change and sea level rise in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, these emissions cause serious health effects including asthma, cancer, chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes and premature death; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been a leader in reducing emissions from vehicles and other sources of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, a critical strategy to achieve significant reductions in ozone, air toxics and greenhouse gases is to switch from fossil-fueled vehicles to electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has allocated \$27.2 million in Volkswagen settlement funds for electric heavy-duty garbage trucks, transit and school, buses and port-related equipment in environmental justice communities, as well as charging infrastructure statewide; and

WHEREAS, a first-of-its-kind, statewide multi-agency partnership to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles, the New Jersey Partnership to Plug-In, has been established;

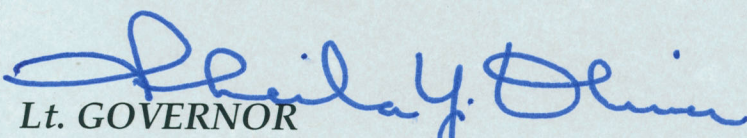
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

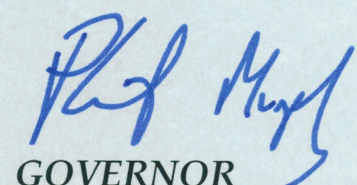
## SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 AS DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

in New Jersey and encourage residents to observe this week by learning about the many clean electric car options on the market today, by attending a nearby Drive Electric Week event and by considering an electric vehicle when it is time for their next vehicle purchase.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-ninth day of August in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

  
Lt. GOVERNOR

  
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