



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, earth science is the study of the interrelationships among geology, meteorology, oceanography and astronomy; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge of earth science is vital to understanding and managing our nonrenewable resources of energy, such as petroleum, natural gas, coal and uranium and to advancing our renewable resources of energy, such as solar, wind, hydropower, biomass and geothermal; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are crucial for assessing existing and newly emerging ways to produce and harness energy and are integral to environmental enhancement and restoration initiatives that produce tangible improvements in environmental quality and public health; and

WHEREAS, earth science education is a tool for environmental literacy, empowering residents to understand and appreciate complex Earth systems, maintain wise stewardship of limited resources and play a role in environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, earth science education inspires youth and the general public to experience, understand and appreciate the vital link between air, water, land and life and the factors that shape our planet over time, as reflected by the Earth Science Week 2014 theme "Earth's Connected Systems;"

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

OCTOBER 12 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2014
AS
EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

in New Jersey and encourage residents to take this opportunity to learn more about the earth sciences and the important role this field of science plays in balancing our natural resource use with our quality of life here in the Garden State.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-second day of September in the year two thousand fourteen, the two hundred thirty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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