



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey became a trailblazer in 1910, with the establishment of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI), one of the nation's first State agencies dedicated exclusively to the unique educational, vocational and day-to-day life needs of people who are blind, deaf-blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 259,000 New Jersey residents live with blindness or severe vision loss; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the CBVI is to promote and provide services in the areas of education, employment, independence and eye health through informed choice and partnership with persons who are blind, deaf-blind or visually impaired, their families and the community; and

WHEREAS, CBVI has always recognized the importance of providing services that facilitate access to opportunities that will enable people with vision loss to obtain their fullest measure of self-reliance and improved quality of life and also proactively endeavors to ensure their treatment as individuals with dignity and worth who are able to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

WHEREAS, CBVI continues to work in partnership with consumers and all individuals and organizations that share their goal to prepare for the promise of the future while promoting the vast reservoir of talent and ability represented by people who are blind, deaf-blind or visually impaired;

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

OCTOBER 2021  
AS  
BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



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

*Philip D. Murphy*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

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