



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey law prohibits the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, We Card Awareness Month is a retail education and training effort to boost New Jersey's retailers awareness of, and participation in, responsible retailing efforts through complying with federal, state and local laws, while also identifying, preventing and denying tobacco, electronic cigarettes and other age-restricted product sales to minors; and

WHEREAS, 2017 is the 22nd anniversary year of the national non-profit organization, The "We Card" Program, Inc., which provides training and education to the retail community to help retailers comply with age-restricted product laws and serve their communities as responsible retailers; and

WHEREAS, We Card in-store training and education materials, its online training program and its mystery shopping service "ID Check-Up" are available to all New Jersey retailers through We Card's website: www.wecard.org; and

WHEREAS, We Card is endorsed by the New Jersey Food Council and their members, and New Jersey benefits from a responsible retailing community that successfully prevents tobacco and other age-restricted product sales to minors;

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

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WE CARD AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage all retailers to participate in this observance.



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


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