STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, even though medical knowledge and technology currently exists to relieve or greatly ease pain, most pain remains untreated, undertreated, or improperly treated, and many health care professionals are still unaware of how to effectively treat pain; and

Whereas, more than 100 million American citizens live with chronic pain caused by countless diseases or disorders, and, each year, nearly 25 million Americans suffer with acute pain; and

Whereas, increased awareness and treatment options can lead to much needed relief; and

Whereas, if left untreated, chronic pain could potentially deprive many Delawareans of their quality of life and adversely impact their physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being; and

Whereas, people that suffer from chronic pain are frequently stigmatized and marginalized while not being properly informed about their right to effective pain assessment and management, and most people with pain, including those at the end of life, get little or no relief.

Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor, and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare September 2014

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in the State of Delaware and urge all citizens to strive to educate themselves and their communities about chronic pain.

Jack Markell
Governor

Matthew Denn
Lieutenant Governor

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