STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION WEEK

Whereas, nationwide an estimated 76 million cases of food-borne illness occur each year with 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths; and

Whereas, the Delaware Division of Public Health strives to improve the quality of life for Delaware's citizens by promoting health and well-being, fostering self-sufficiency, and protecting vulnerable populations; and

Whereas, the Health Systems Protection section seeks to protect the health of all Delawareans by preventing and minimizing the risk of environmental disease; and

Whereas, the application of science-based food safety regulations has been demonstrated to effectively identify and mitigate health hazards; and

Whereas, all food safety system stakeholders in Delaware, including educational institutions, health care facilities, commercial establishments and community service organizations, share jointly in embracing the principles of Active Managerial Control to serve food safely; and

Whereas, food safety education has been shown to be the strongest foundation in protecting consumers by reducing the risk of food-borne illness.

Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare September 12th-18th, 2010

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all citizens to support us in recognizing the importance and benefits of food safety education.

Jack A. Markell

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Lieutenant Governor

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