



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, protecting public health and the environment is a vital public service, and air pollution remains one of our greatest public health threats, especially in the most densely populated state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are the largest source of air pollutants in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are the largest contributor to climate change and sea level rise in New Jersey, the largest contributor to ground-level ozone, commonly known as smog, the largest source of air toxics, as well as a major source of fine particulate pollution; and

WHEREAS, these emissions cause serious health effects including asthma, cancer, chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been a leader in reducing emissions from vehicles and other sources of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, accelerating the transition from fossil-fueled vehicles to electric vehicles is a critical strategy to reduce greenhouse gases, ozone, particulate pollution and air toxics; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has signed the Zero Emission Vehicle Declaration, a landmark global agreement by 41 national governments and 74 cities, states, and regional governments, committing to a zero-emission vehicle future in alignment with the Paris Agreement goals; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has awarded more than \$240 million since 2019 to support electric cars, buses, trucks, port and airport equipment, shared mobility services and charging stations;

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

SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2023  
AS  
DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

in New Jersey and encourage residents to observe this week by learning about the many electric car options on the market today, by attending a nearby Drive Electric Week event in person or online, and by considering an electric vehicle when it is time for their next vehicle purchase.



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

*Philip D. Murphy*  
GOVERNOR