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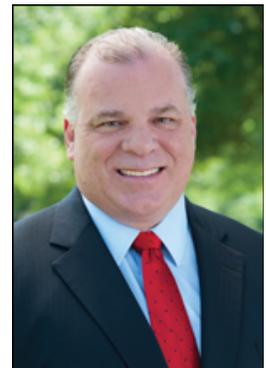
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Senate President Sweeney Offers Encouragement, Joins NJ Walks for TS Honorary Committee

First South Jersey Walk for Tourette Syndrome community is Sept. 20th

WEST DEPTFORD, NJ- Senator Stephen Sweeney (D-3) is part of a growing list of state leaders showing support for NJ Walks for TS in Medford Lakes—the first South Jersey walk for Tourette Syndrome.

NJ Walks for TS at Medford Lakes will take place on Sunday, Sept. 20 at Beach 1/Upper Aetna Lake. It's an offshoot of the highly successful NJ Walks for TS at Mendham which began in 2010 to support the work of the NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders (NJCTS). NJ Walks for TS was started by kids, for kids; in fact, the impetus behind bringing this event to South Jersey is the Hecklen family who aim to raise awareness and support for the thousands of kids and families living with TS.



Senate President Stephen Sweeney (D-3) has joined the Honorary Committee for NJ Walks for TS at Medford Lakes on Sept. 20th

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Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder characterized by involuntary vocal or muscle movements known as tics. TS is frequently accompanied by ADHD, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety, depression or learning disorders. As many as 1 in 100 people show signs of TS, however, the disorder often remains misunderstood and misdiagnosed. Proceeds from NJ Walks will benefit the Education Outreach Programs of NJCTS which deliver outreach to healthcare professionals, educators and students across the state.

WALKS FOR TS

"I want to give my heartfelt support and encouragement to everyone who is participating in NJ Walks For TS in Medford Lakes and for all the work being done to increase awareness of Tourette Syndrome," said Sweeney. "We want to raise awareness and understanding so that those with the syndrome are treated with the best of care and with the respect they deserve. There are challenges for them and their families but these are challenges that can be met with dignity and love."

"Senator Sweeney is a friend to the TS community and we're grateful to have his support behind this important advocacy effort in South Jersey," said NJCTS Executive Director Faith W. Rice.

NJ Walks for TS at Medford Lakes will feature activities for families, music and an atmosphere of acceptance for all ages. [Registration is \\$22.50 now through August 31st, after then it will be \\$25. Donations will be accepted online for individuals and teams-regardless of event attendance. Sponsorships are still available for corporations, small businesses and individuals by calling 908-575-7350.](#) For more information about Tourette Syndrome and the work of NJCTS, visit www.njcts.org.

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