

Template for June 4th Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an often misunderstood, inherited, neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics and, 83% of the time, is accompanied by mental health disorders such as ADHD, obsessive compulsive disorder, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders affect nearly 1 in 50 school-age children throughout every ethnic and racial group, though about half of these children go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, 80% of children with tics felt that they negatively impact their school experience and education with 70% of children having experienced bullying and 23% considered suicide; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for professional education in both the medical and education fields to assist children, adults and families living with Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders, and general awareness to broaden the public's knowledge and decrease stigma, and

WHEREAS, NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS), their Youth Council, partners, and families support ongoing Education, Advocacy, and Research; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes June 4th each year as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that June 4, 202_ will be recognized as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day" in _____, as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that surrounds Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders.