

Template for June 4th Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other mental health disorders such as attention deficit and obsessive compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders affect 1 in 100 children. More than 20,000 school age children in the State of New Jersey alone are dealing with Tourette Syndrome and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and

WHEREAS, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood; and

WHEREAS, positive actions to assist children and families living with Tourette Syndrome would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance of Tourette Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders(NJCTS), the nation's first Center of Excellence for Tourette Syndrome, are actively providing services to families, educating medical professionals and teachers, and supporting research to better understand the signs and treatments of TS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that June 4, 2019 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.