



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, in 1609, the Pilgrims made the treacherous journey to the New World seeking freedom from religious persecution; and

WHEREAS, even in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the ideals and dreams of the Pilgrims are still being sought by immigrants arriving in the United States today; and

WHEREAS, in November we celebrate the spirit of these settlers on Thanksgiving Day, a day in which Americans write and submit to express appreciation for what they have; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy - private initiatives for the public good, fostering an quality of life - is both essential to civic health in self governing societies, and generally recognized as an appropriate expression of gratitude on the part of donors for the benefits they enjoy in life; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey residents have throughout history, provided many leading examples of philanthropy that have benefited our entire nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, our residents should be commended for their philanthropy, and encouraged to continue its growth in partnership with government as together we seek to enhance the quality of life for all our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. COHEN, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 21, 2000

as

IRVING NEW JERSEY DAY

In New Jersey,

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this second day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand five and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and thirtieth.

*Richard J. Cohen*

ACTING GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*[Signature]*  
REGINA L. THOMAS,  
SECRETARY OF STATE