WHEREAS, IgA Nephropathy, also known as IgAN or Berger's disease, is a rare kidney disorder characterized by the buildup of immunoglobulin A (IgA), a protein that helps breakdown the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidneys; and

WHEREAS, IgAN is one of the most common and undetected kidney diseases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is no current cure for IgAN and treatments can only focus on slowing the progress of the disease and preventing complications; and

WHEREAS, after 10 to 20 years with IgA nephropathy, approximately 20-40% of individuals who have IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease and need dialysis or kidney transplantation to survive; and

WHEREAS, transplants can greatly improve the quality of life of patients but not guarantee that the disease won't return and infect the new kidney; and

WHEREAS, this day is designated to raise awareness of IgA Nephropathy, provide support to patients, and promote the research needed to lead to better diagnosis and an eventual cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, governor of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 14, 2022
AS
IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of May in the year two thousand twenty-two, the two hundred forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

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