

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

*Whereas*, even though medical knowledge and technology currently exists to relieve or greatly ease pain, most pain remains untreated, undertreated, or improperly treated, and many health care professionals are still unaware of how to effectively treat pain; and

*Whereas*, more than 100 million American citizens live with chronic pain caused by countless diseases or disorders, and, each year, nearly 25 million Americans suffer with acute pain; and

*Whereas*, increased awareness and treatment options can lead to much needed relief; and

*Whereas*, if left untreated, chronic pain could potentially deprive many Delawareans of their quality of life and adversely impact their physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being; and

*Whereas*, people that suffer from chronic pain are frequently stigmatized and marginalized while not being properly informed about their right to effective pain assessment and management, and most people with pain, including those at the end of life, get little or no relief.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,  
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,*  
do hereby declare September 2014

### *PAIN AWARENESS MONTH*

in the State of Delaware and urge all citizens to strive to educate themselves and their communities about chronic pain.



*Jack Markell*  
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Jack A. Markell  
Governor

*Matthew Denn*  
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Matthew Denn  
Lieutenant Governor

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